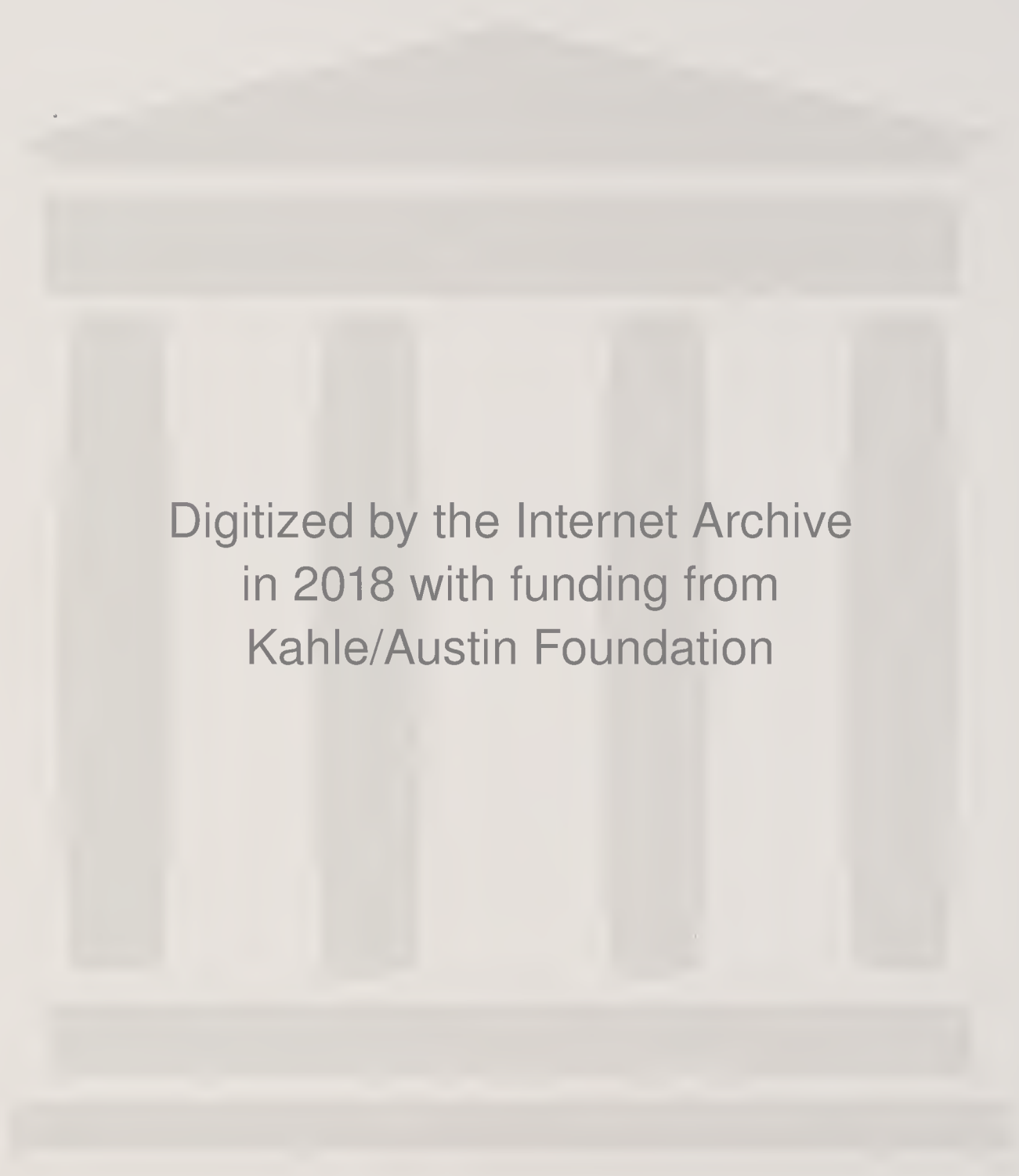


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Packed full of games, puzzles and things to make and do, you'll never be short of entertainment and inspiration for the festive season. In fact, you'll find everything you need to have the most fun-filled Christmas ever!



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STAR ATTRACTION!



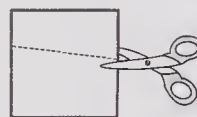
Just follow these simple instructions and add a sparkle to your room with your very own star!



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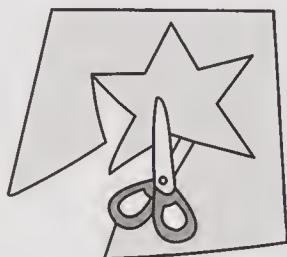
Two sheets of cardboard • Scissors • Felt-tip pens or crayons
• Glitter glue and shiny stickers • A pencil

Here's how to do it



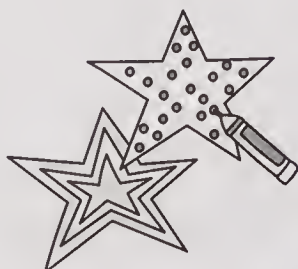
1

Draw a large star shape on one of the sheets of cardboard with the pencil. Cut it out carefully with scissors.



2

On the other sheet of cardboard, draw around the star you've just cut out. Then cut out this second star. Decorate both sides of the stars with crayons or felt-tip pens. You could also use glitter glue and shiny stickers to make your stars shine.



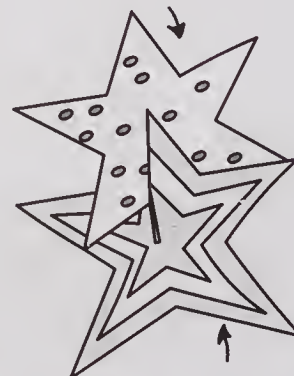
3

Cut a slit at the bottom of each star to about halfway up.



4

Slot the stars together by slipping one into the slit of the other. Now you have your own star attraction! You can make lots of different ones and hang them up with ribbon to make magical 3D decorations.





STOCKING SEARCH!

This Christmas stocking has lots of different shapes on it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



CHRISTMAS POTION!



Red and green are the colours of the season. So why not shake up some exciting drinks in these festive colours?



Here's what you will need:



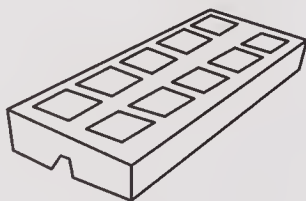
- Cranberry juice • Green food colouring or mint extract • Jug of water
- Ice cube trays • Whole cranberries • Mint leaves

★ Here's how to do it ★

- 1 Pour cranberry juice in a large punch bowl and place in the refrigerator.



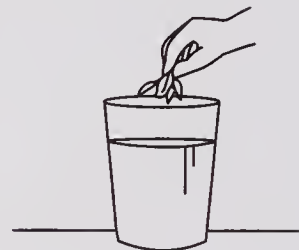
- 2 Add a few drops of green food colouring or mint extract to the jug of water and pour into the ice cube trays. Place in the freezer until solid.



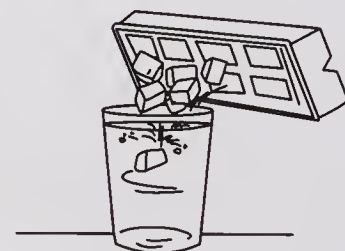
- 3 Pour the cooled cranberry juice into clear glasses until they are three-quarters full.



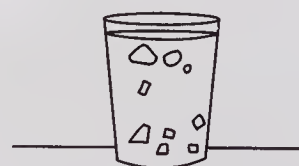
- 4 Add some whole cranberries and mint leaves.



- 5 Shake the green ice cubes out of the tray and add to the juice.



- 6 Your fruity, festive drink is ready to serve. Enjoy!





SANTA'S SECRET!

Decode the secret message that Santa has given to his elf and reindeer. Each letter should be replaced by the one immediately before it in the alphabet. For example, 'M' will replace 'N', 'A' will replace 'B' and so on.

N B L F T V S F

X F D B O G M Z

I J H I B O E B M M

O J H I U M P O H!



TOY STORY!

Here are two identical pictures of a toy store...or are they? There are six differences between the two.
Can you spot them all?





Look at the list of words which are all to do with Christmas and find them in the bell. Happy hunting!

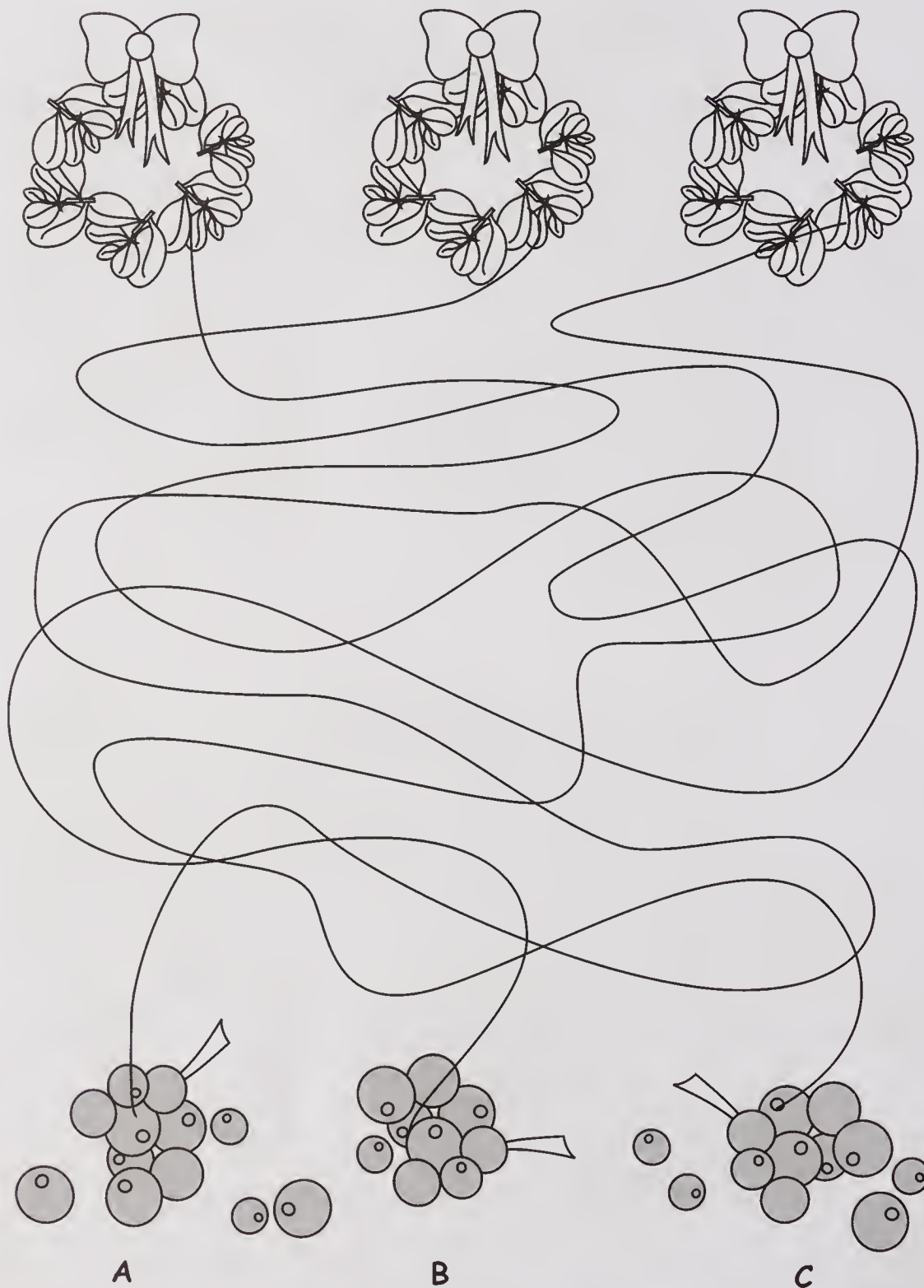
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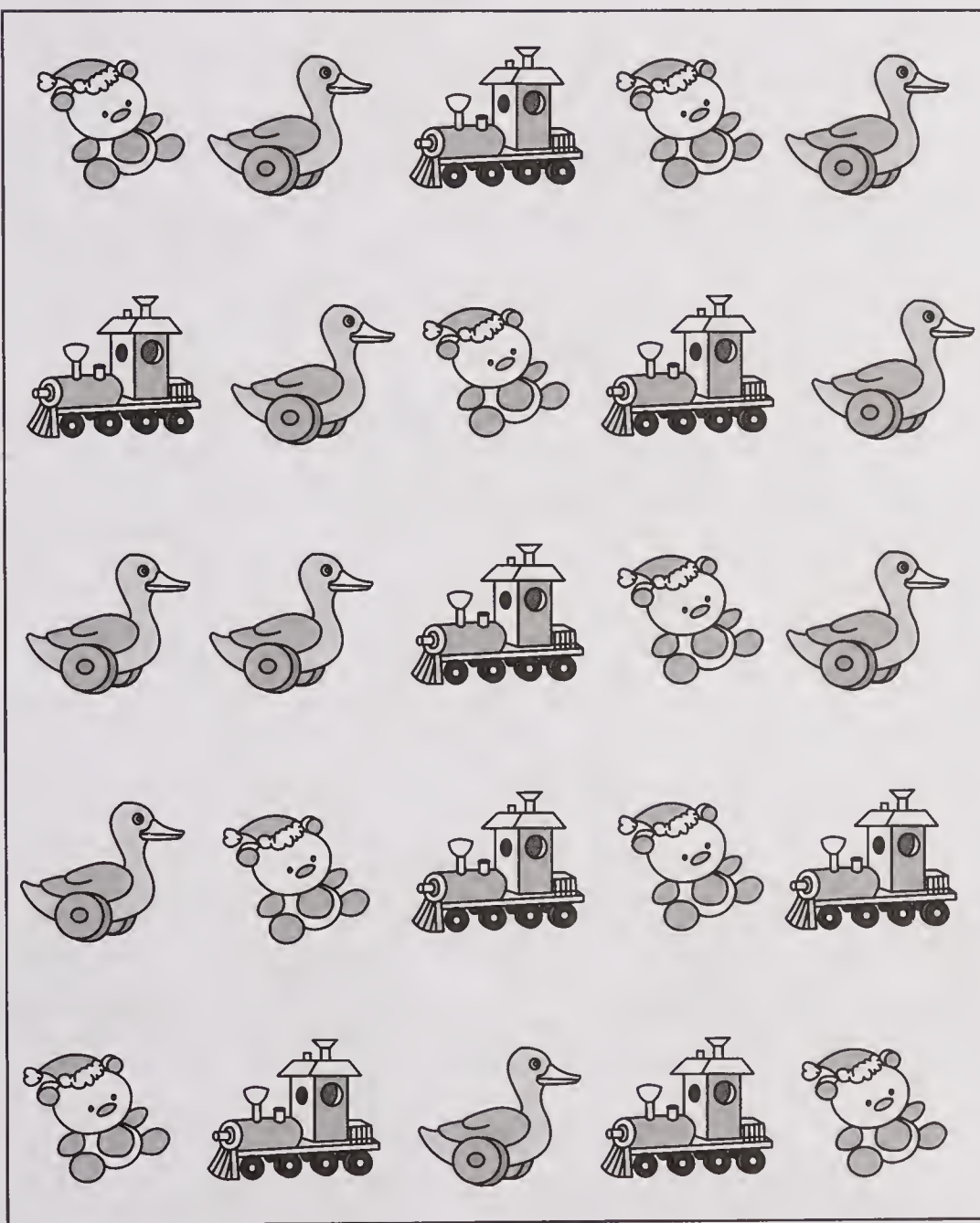
These berries should be attached to the wreaths!
Untangle the strings attached to each group of berries
by correctly tracing it through this maze.





TOY TREAT!

Look carefully at the order of the three toys below. Can you find them in exactly the same order in the box? Search from left to right, top to bottom and from the bottom upwards!

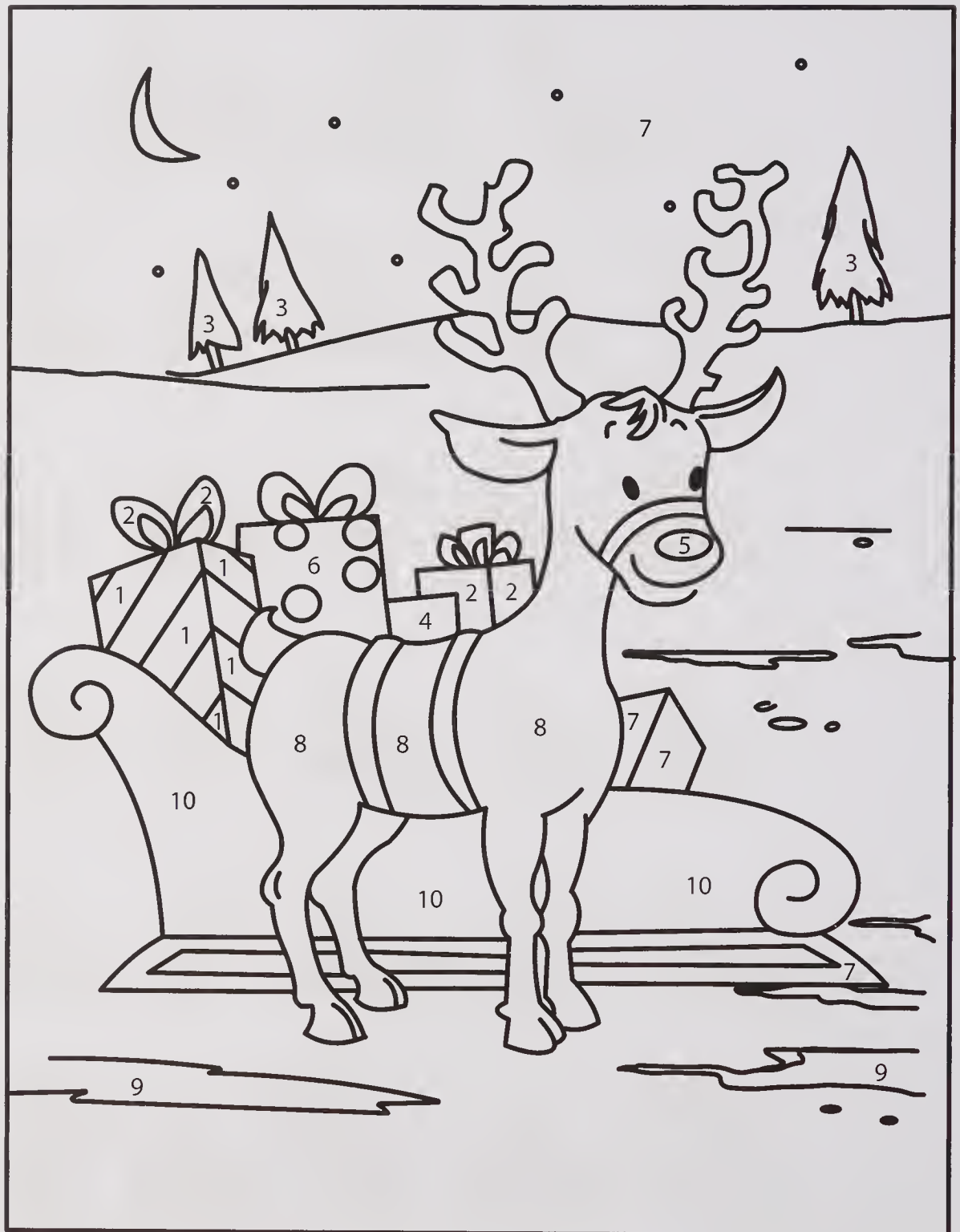


LOADING UP!



Let's make Christmas colourful! Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture using the number key as a guide.

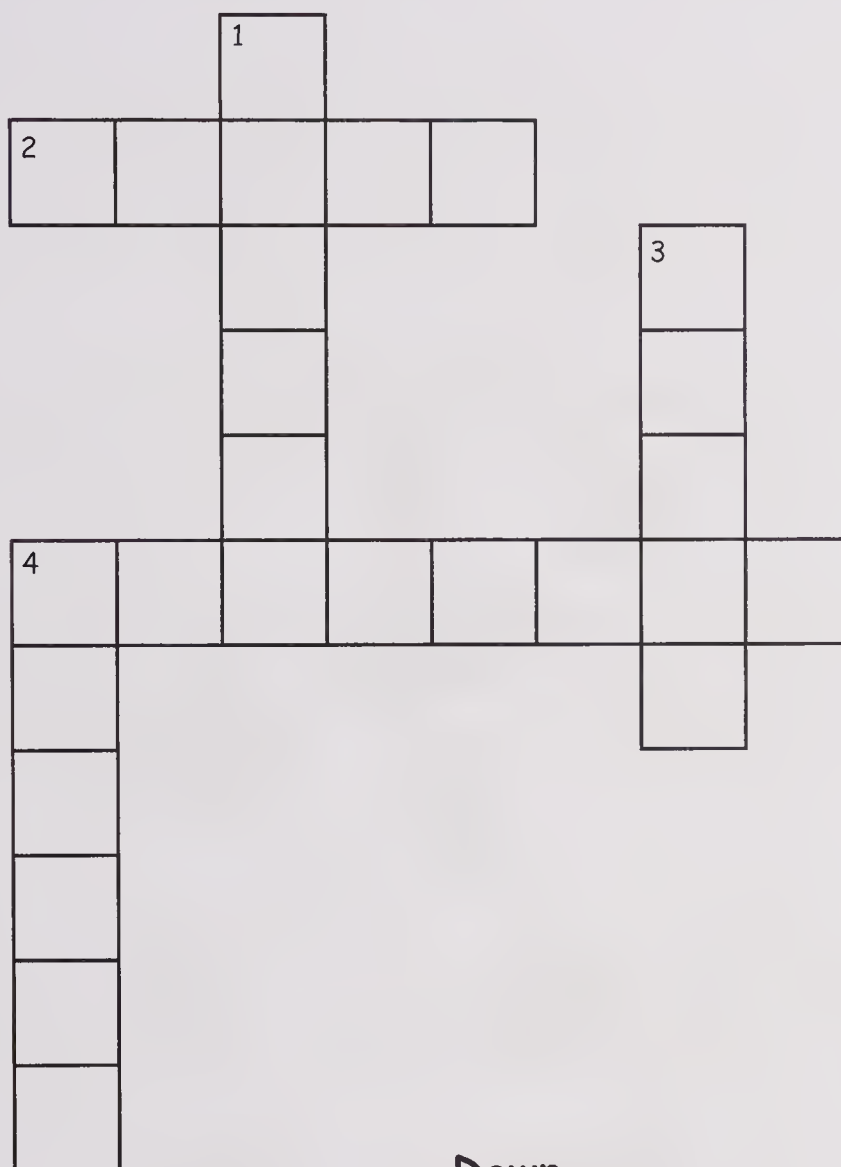
- 1 – Red
- 2 – Yellow
- 3 – Light Blue
- 4 – Light Green
- 5 – Black
- 6 – Pink
- 7 – Dark Blue
- 8 – Light Brown
- 9 – Dark Brown
- 10 – Orange





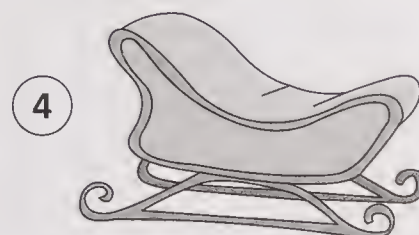
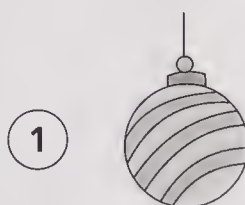
WORDS WORK!

How good are you at guessing Christmas words from pictures? Work out the words for the picture clues then complete the crossword!



Across

Down



SNOWFLAKE GREETING!



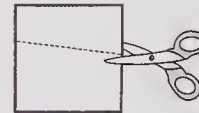
Every snowflake is unique, so why not make some snowflake Christmas cards to give to your friends and family? Follow these simple instructions and create special cards for everyone!



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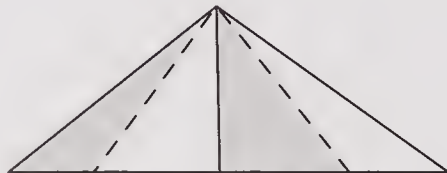
- Square sheet of white paper
- Scissors
- Glitter
- Glue
- Thin coloured card

Here's how to do it



1

Take the white paper and fold it in half so that the fold is at the bottom, not the top. Then fold the sides of the paper towards the centre as shown below.



2

Use scissors to cut along the folded edges in an arc-shape. When you unfold the paper, you will have a circle shape.

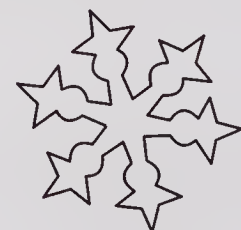
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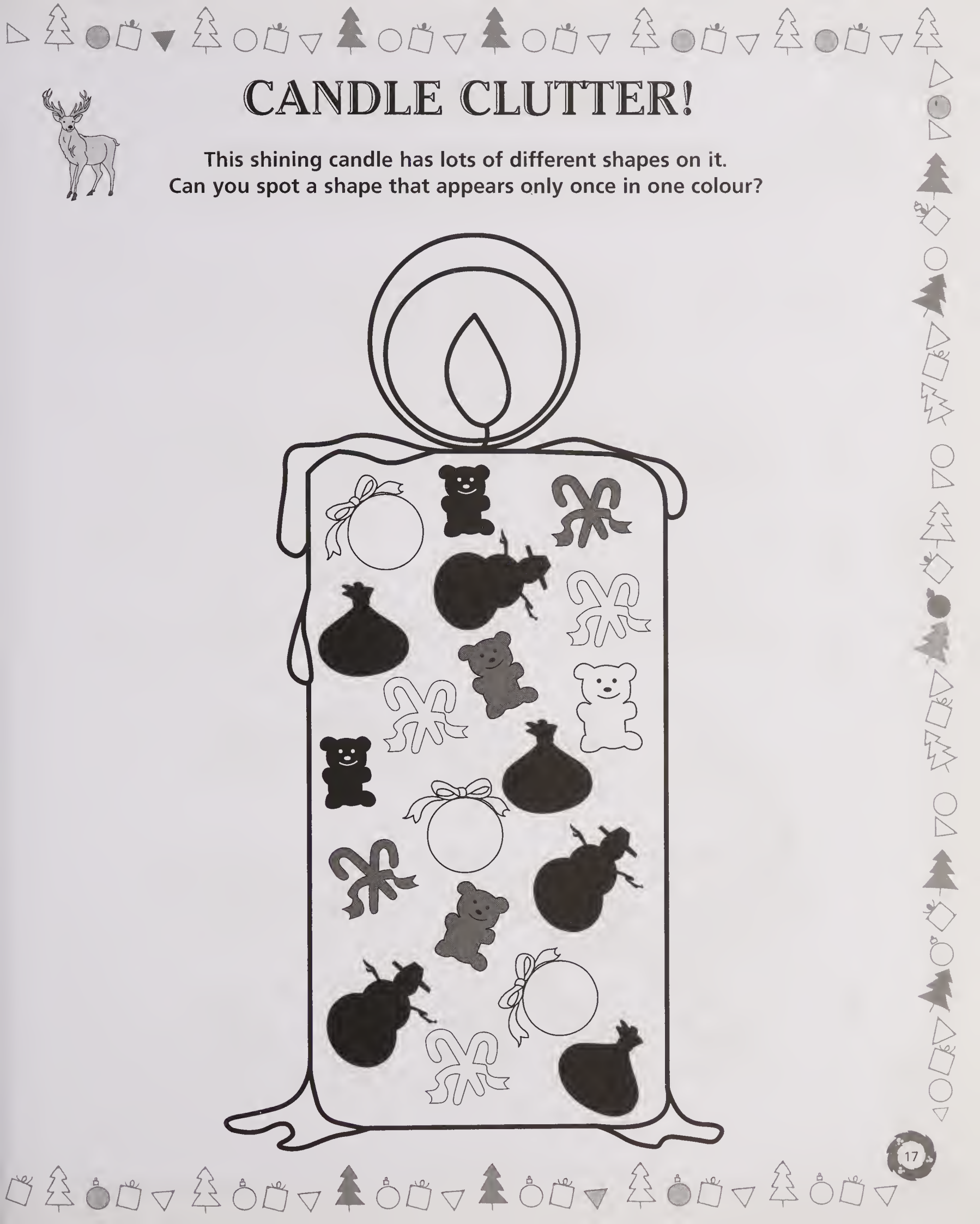
Fold your paper circle into a different shape, such as a triangle. Trace a snowflake pattern on the folded paper and cut out the spaces very carefully with scissors.



4

Open it out and look at your unique snowflake! Use glitter and glue to make your snowflake shimmer. When it's dry, stick the snowflake to a sheet of folded coloured card and hey presto!





CANDLE CLUTTER!



This shining candle has lots of different shapes on it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



RACE-A-SLEIGH!

Here's a game that will have you racing on your hands! Get ready for some fast action as teams set the pace of the sleigh race.

- Number of Players :** Four or more (an even number), plus an adult to supervise the game.
- Materials Required :** • Stones or sticks for marking out lines • Whistle (optional)
- Object of the Game :** To finish the race as a pair, with one of you supporting the other by the legs as he or she crawls forward using only their arms.

- 
- 1 On grass or a soft surface, use a stone or a stick to mark out the start and finish lines 10 metres (30 feet) apart from each other.
 - 2 Divide everyone up into pairs and line up along the start line.
 - 3 One player from each pair gets down on their hands and knees.

- 4 When the supervising adult calls out 'on your marks, get set, go!' or signals the start by blowing a whistle, pick up your partner's legs. Hold them by the ankles at waist height as you try to push the 'sleigh' (your partner) towards the finishing line.
- 5 Remember, broken sleighs must be picked up where they collapsed – they cannot walk to the finish line!
- 6 The first pair to cross the finish line is the winner!



You and your friends will end up with really mucky hands in this game! Don't forget to wash your hands afterwards!



SMILE A WHILE!

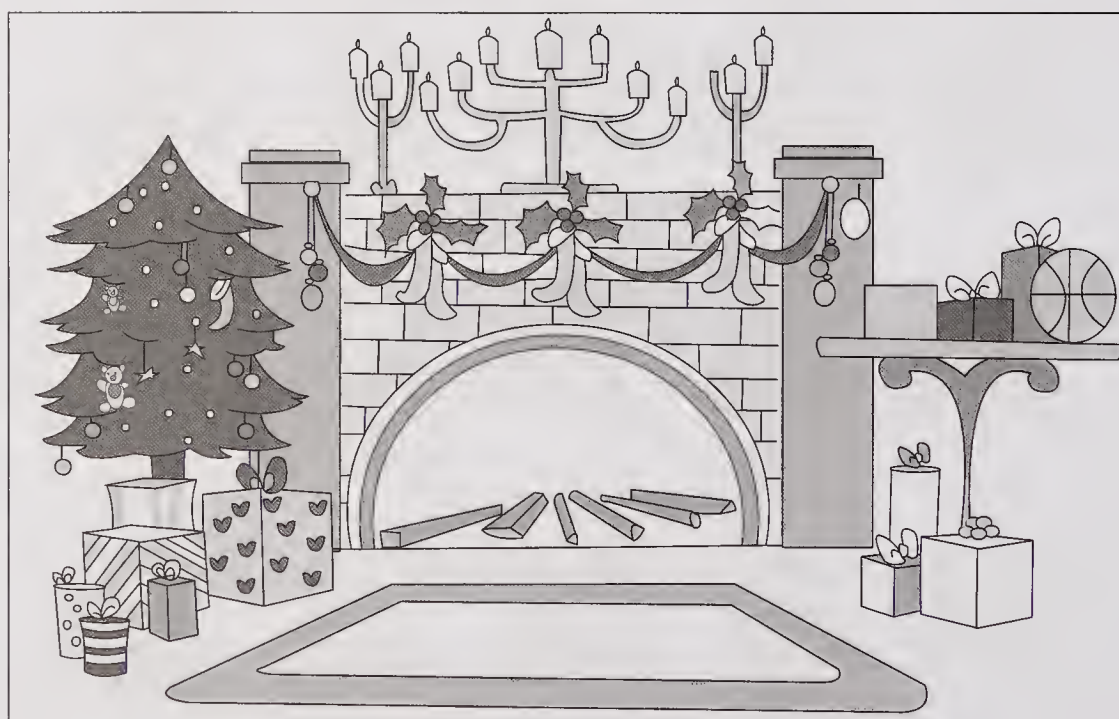
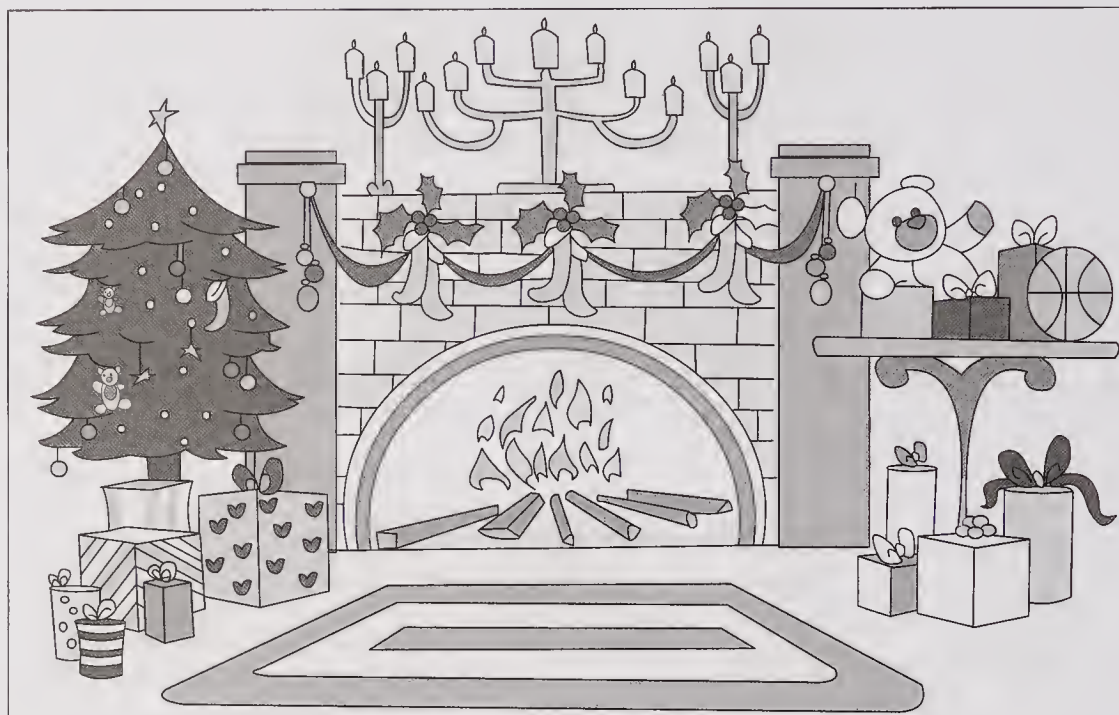
Look carefully at the order of the three smiling faces below.
Can you find them in exactly the same order in the box? Search
from left to right, top to bottom and from the bottom upwards!



MANTLE MIX-UP!



Here are two identical pictures of a cosy living room.
Or are they? There are six differences between the two.
Can you spot them all?



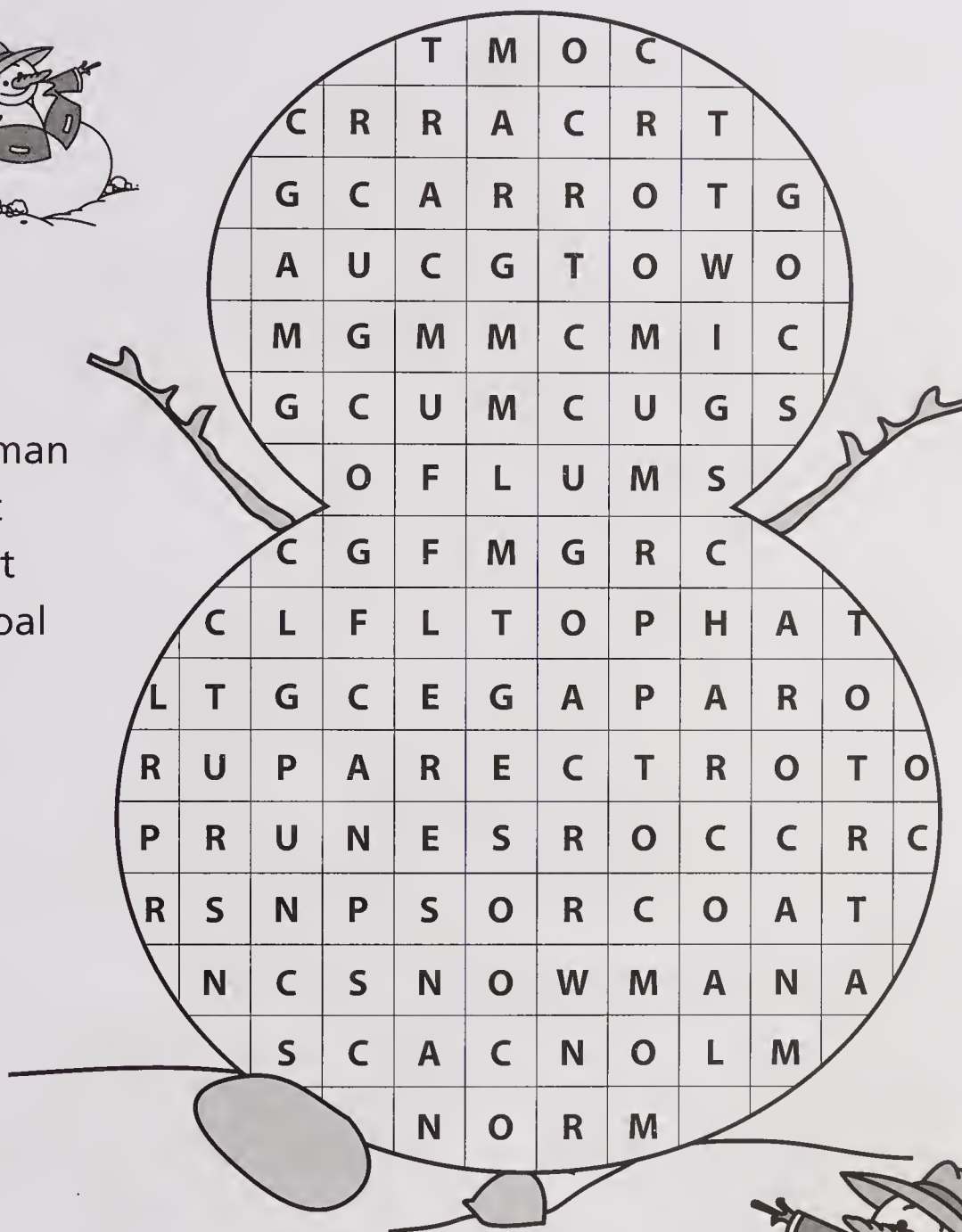


SNOWMAN MAKEOVER!

Look at the list of words all to do with snowmen,
then find them all in the puzzle.



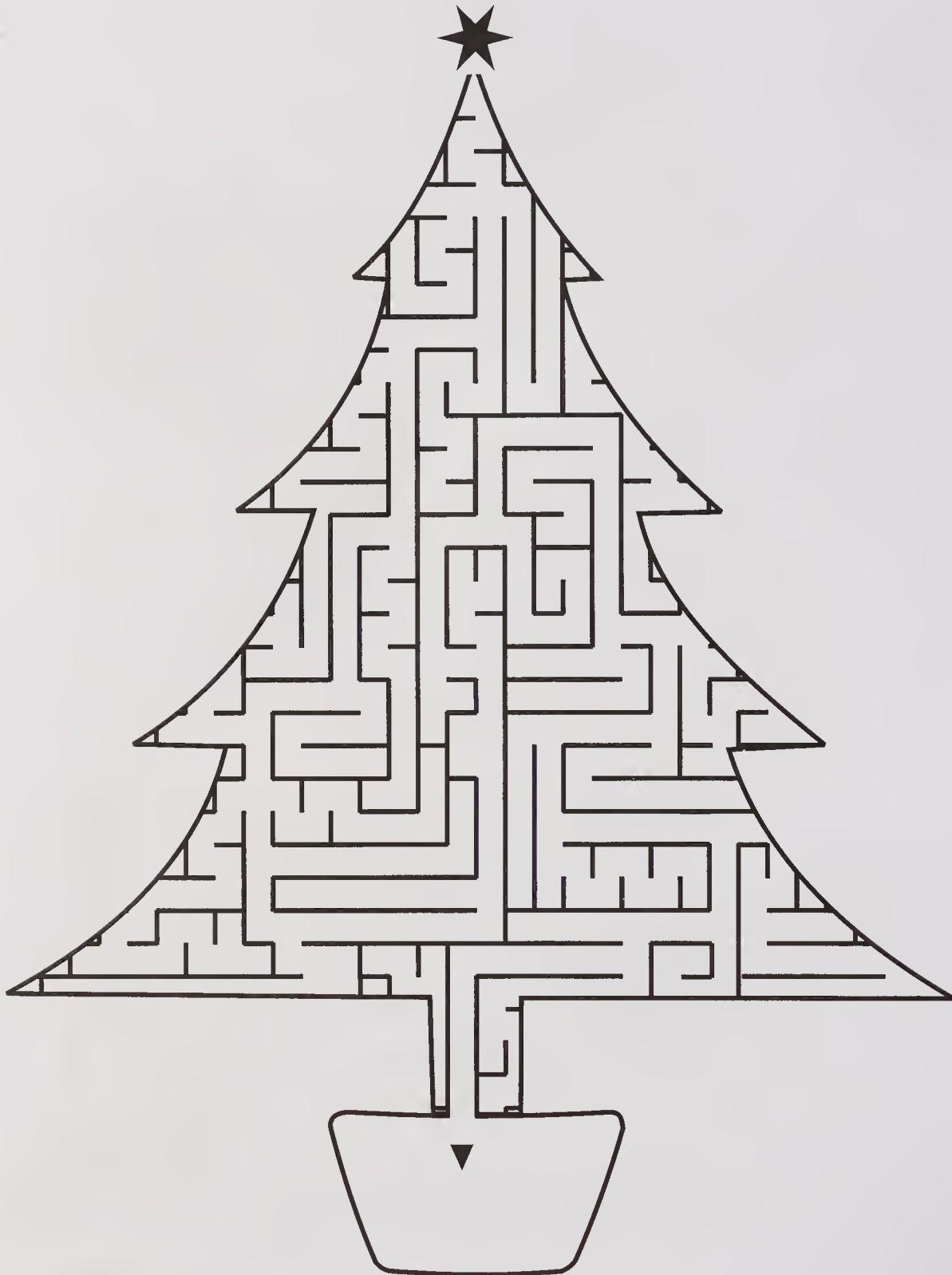
- Snowman
- Carrot
- Tophat
- Charcoal
- Twigs



STAR BRIGHT!



Look at the star at the top of the Christmas tree!
Correctly trace the path from the very top to the
bottom of the tree.

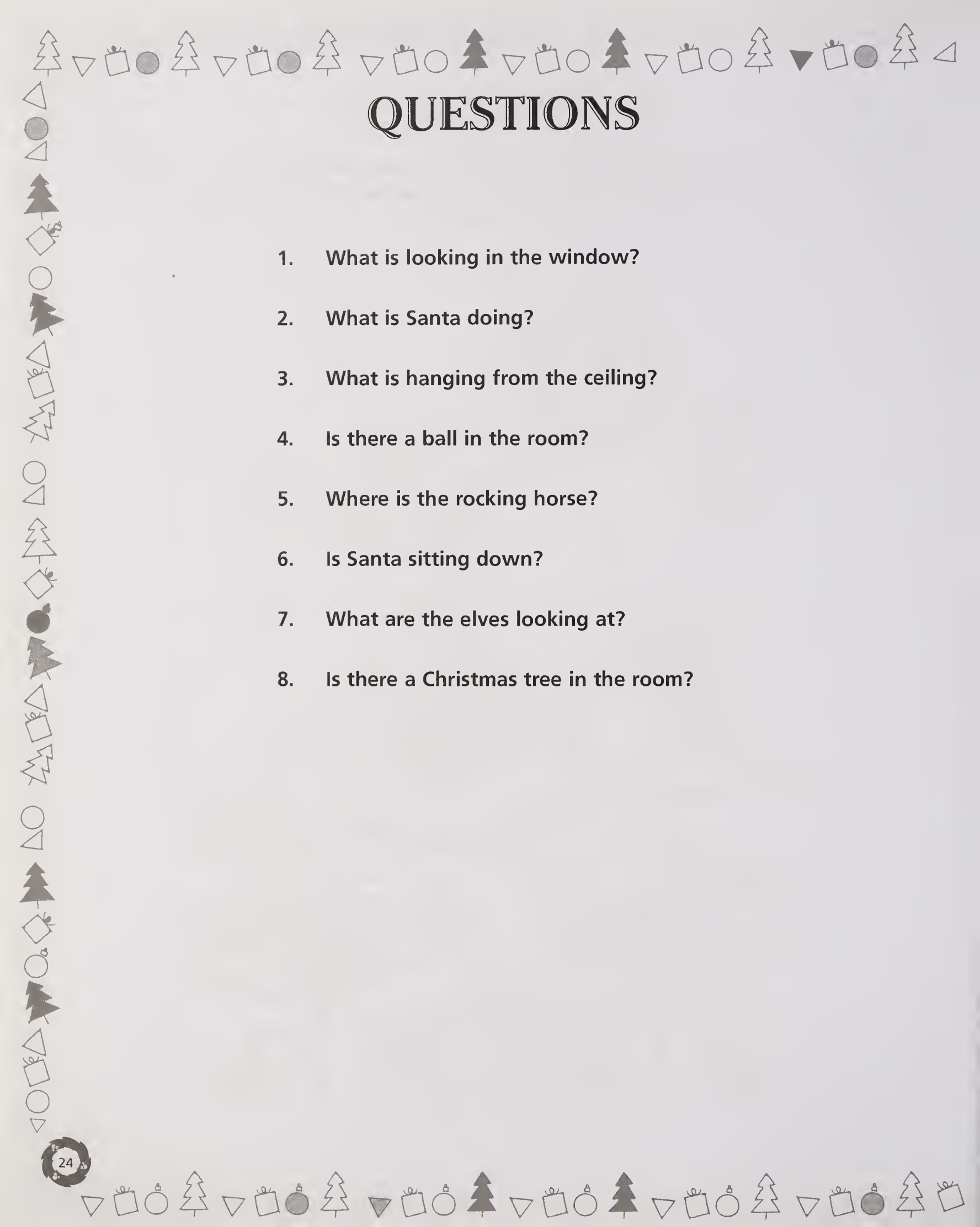




BUSY SANTA!

Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!





QUESTIONS

1. What is looking in the window?
2. What is Santa doing?
3. What is hanging from the ceiling?
4. Is there a ball in the room?
5. Where is the rocking horse?
6. Is Santa sitting down?
7. What are the elves looking at?
8. Is there a Christmas tree in the room?



GIFTS GALORE!

These gifts are all muddled up! Can you count how many there are?
Lots of them overlap so count carefully!





PIN THE TAIL!

Here's a reindeer without a tail!
Can you pin a tail to it blindfolded?

Number of Players : Four or more, plus adults to supervise the game and spin the blindfolded players.

Materials Required : • A large sheet of cardboard • Sheets of plain paper
• Drawing pins • Pens • A blindfold • Scissors

Object of the Game : To correctly pin the tail on Rudolph while blindfolded.

1 Choose a playing area with plenty of room to move around in.

2 Ask an adult to help you draw a large picture of Rudolph on the sheet of cardboard. Hang it up on a wall at eye level.

3 Cut out as many paper reindeer tails as there are players. Insert a drawing pin in each tail. Be careful holding them!

4 Each player writes his or her initials on the tail they are given.

5 Each player is blindfolded and spun around three times and pointed in the direction of the drawing. Make sure you don't get too dizzy and fall over!

6 Walk towards the wall and stick the tail as close to the place where Rudolph's tail would be.

7 The player who comes closest to pinning the tail in the right place on Rudolph is the winner!

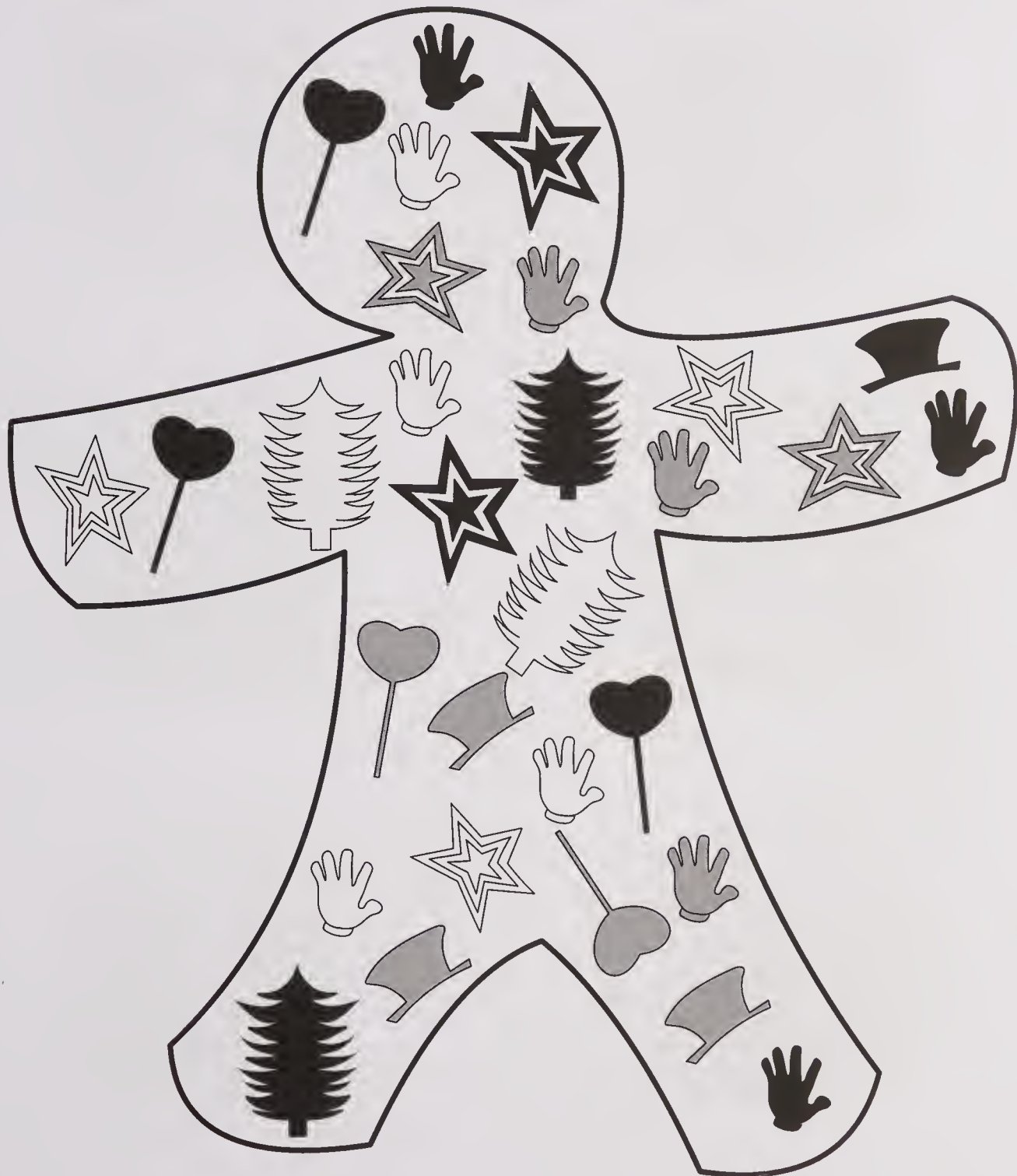
Use your memory to picture Rudolph in your head before you spin round!





GINGER JOY!

This tasty gingerbread man has lots of different iced shapes on him. Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?





PLUM PUDDING!

What's Christmas without cake? Here's a recipe to make a mouth-watering winter plum cake!



Here's what you will need:

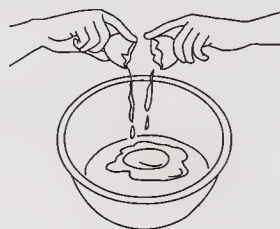


- 4oz (115g) butter • 2 eggs • 1 tablespoon of baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon • 6oz (170g) sugar • 4oz (110g) plain flour
- 1 tablespoon almond extract • 4 plums, sliced

★ Here's how to do it ★

1 Start by preheating the oven to 350°F/175°C (gas mark 4) and greasing a 10" cake tin.*

2 Put the butter and two thirds of the sugar into a bowl and beat it until fluffy. Add the eggs and almond extract. Sift the flour and baking powder together and add to the mixture in the bowl. Mix together with a wooden spoon.

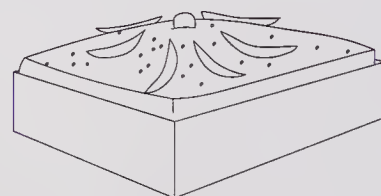


3 Pour this batter into the cake tin. Arrange the plum slices on the top of the mixture.



4 Mix the rest of the sugar and the cinnamon together and sprinkle over the top of the cake. Ask an adult to help you place the cake in the preheated oven. Bake for 45 minutes.

5 After 45 minutes, take the cake out of the oven and leave it on the worktop to cool.* Enjoy your plum cake while it's still warm!

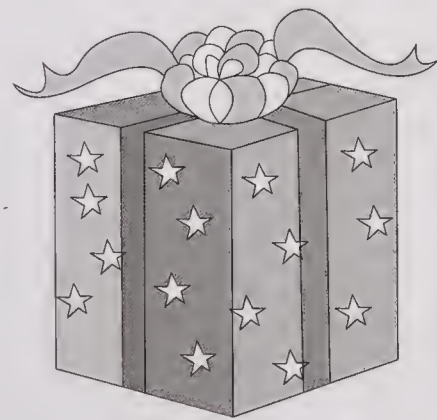
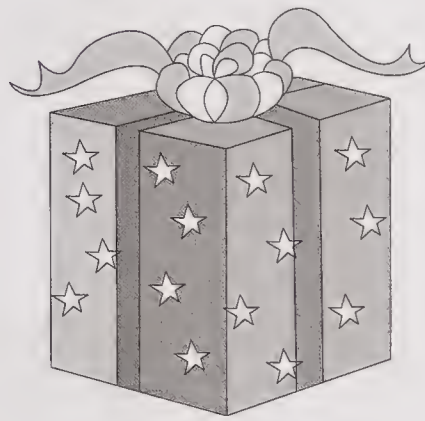
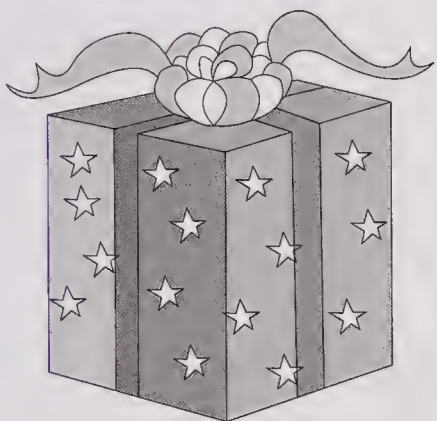


* Ask an adult to help you with this



GET A GIFT!

Here are six pretty Christmas gifts. But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!



PRESENT PERFECT!

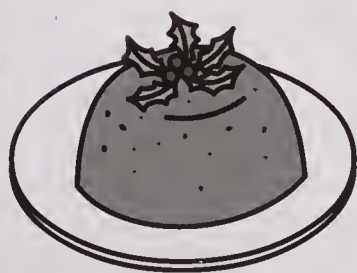
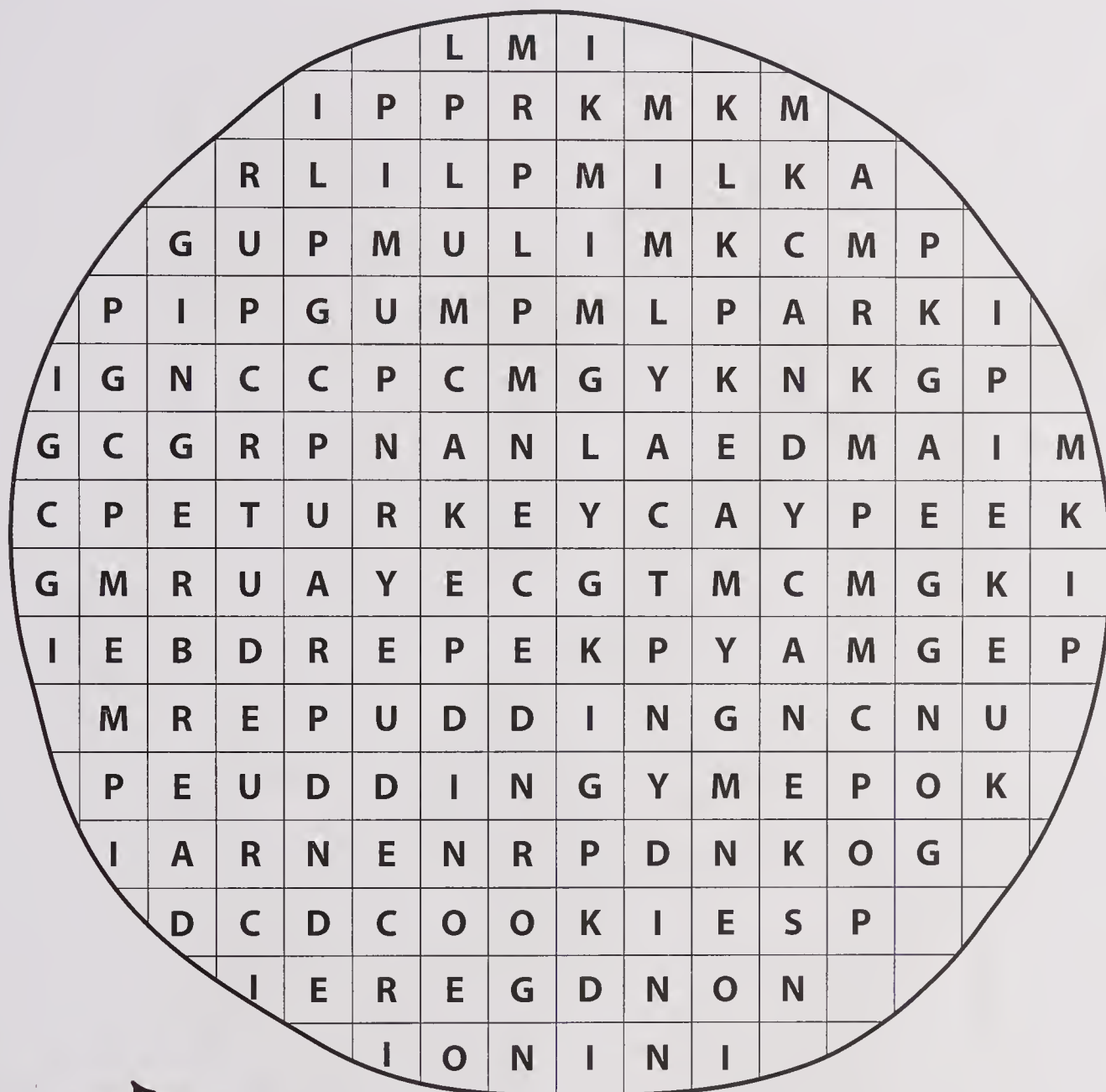
Here are two identical pictures of children on Christmas morning. Or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?





YUMMY YULETIDE!

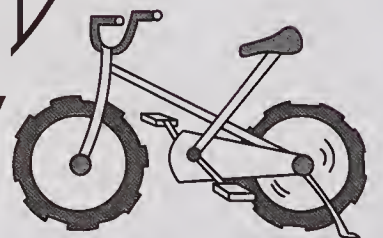
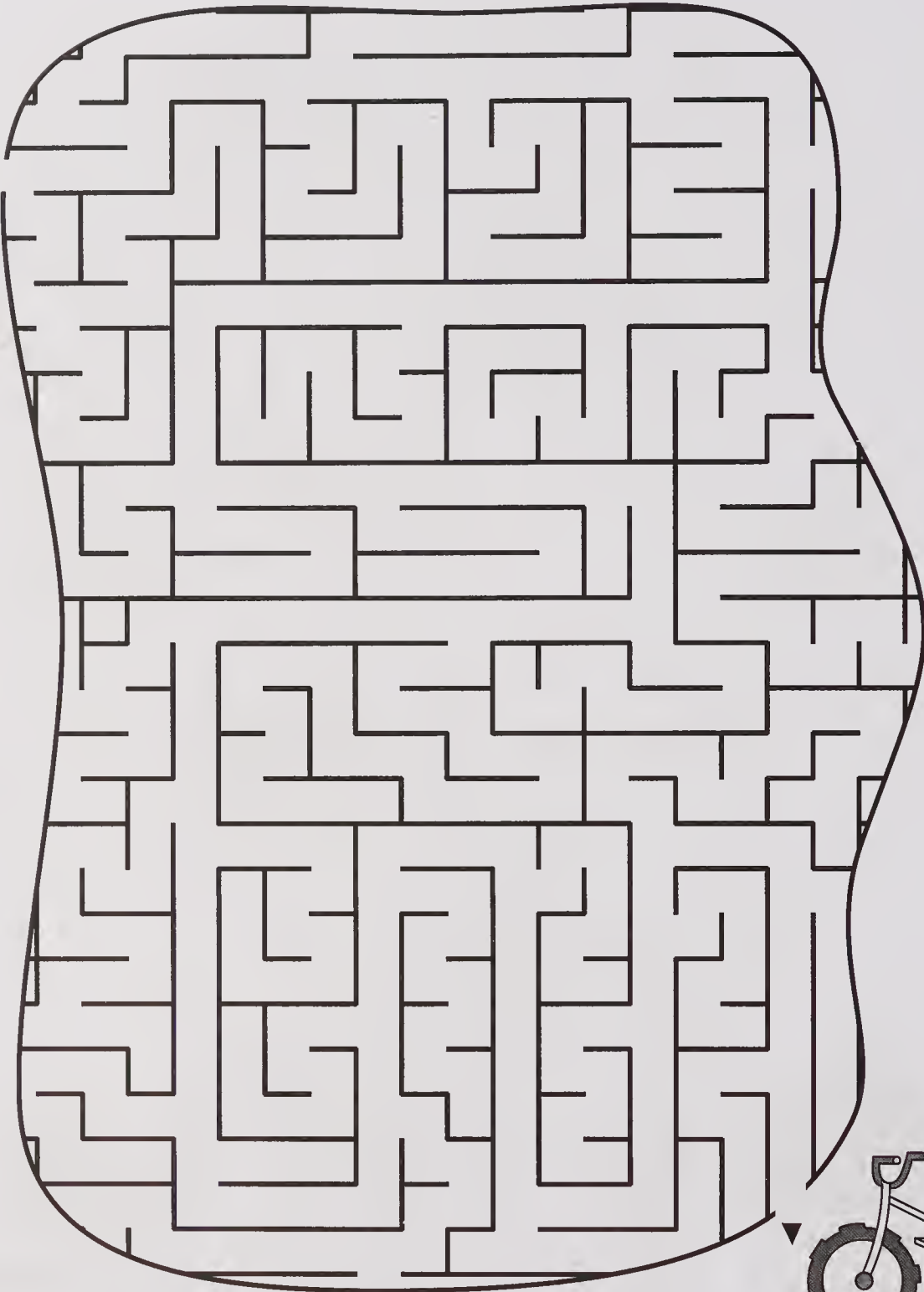
Look at the list of words to do with the tasty things we eat and drink during Christmas. Then find them all in the giant cookie. Yum!



- Candycane
- Pudding
- Plum cake
- Milk
- Cookies
- Turkey
- Gingerbread
- Pie
- Eggnog

BICYCLE BUNGLE!

Poor little Billy! He got a bicycle for Christmas but can't remember where he has left it! Help him find it by travelling through this maze.





SHOCKING STOCKINGS!

Everyone is looking for their stockings to hang up but they're all in a mess! Can you count how many there are in this picture?



STOCKING SPECIAL!

Let's make this stocking colourful! Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture using the number key as a guide.

- 1 – Red
- 2 – Yellow
- 3 – Light Blue
- 4 – Pink
- 5 – Dark Blue
- 6 – Dark Green





PICK OF THE PACK!

Here are six handsome reindeer. But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!





BOX IT!

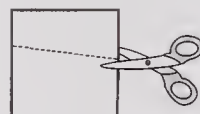
Looking at a wrapped box is so exciting! Make some interesting gift boxes for your presents by following these simple suggestions.



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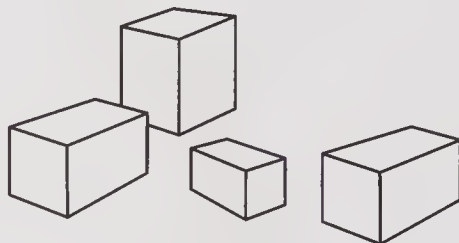
- Old Christmas cards • Glitter and sequins • White paper • Scissors
- Glue • Coloured paper • Old boxes (shoe or cereal boxes are good)

Here's how to do it



1

Find old boxes of different sizes and shapes that you don't use anymore.

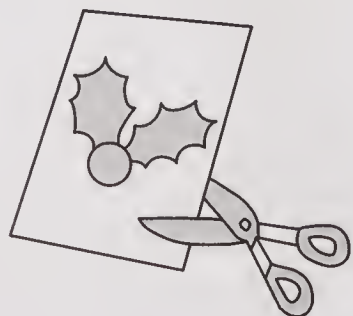


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Glue the white and coloured paper to the boxes. Carefully study the old cards you have and plan the design for your boxes.

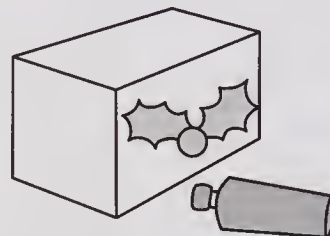
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Cut out pictures from the Christmas cards and glue them on the boxes.



4

Apply glue and decorate with glitter and sequins.

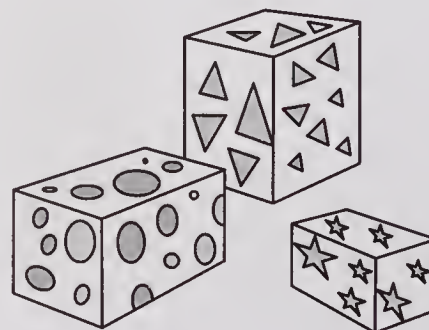


5

Make as many boxes as you need using different themes and patterns. The design could be a clue about what's inside!

6

You can use the cereal boxes for gifts like socks and scarves and you can put toys and books in the shoeboxes!





BUNGLE BELL!

This shining bell has lots of different shapes in it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?





COOKIE CRUNCH!

**How many cookies can you eat at once?
You will need to eat the most to win this crazy
stomach-filling game!**

Number of Players : Six or more.

Materials Required : • Two stools • A pair of clean washing-up gloves • A plate of cookies
• A coin • A napkin • A knife and fork

Object of the Game : To try to eat as many cookies as you can before the next player lays his or her hands on the napkin and gloves and takes your place at the table. If you eat the last piece of cookie, you win!

1 Place the two stools side by side. On one stool put the plate with the cookies; put the napkin and gloves on the second stool.

2 Players sit around the two stools in a circle. The youngest player is the first to have a go.

3 When it is your turn, spin the coin in front of the other players. If you get 'heads', do not move. If you get 'tails', rush over to the second stool, tie the napkin around your neck, pull on the gloves and start to eat the cookies with the knife and fork.

4 Remember, you cannot tuck in unless the napkin is tied around your neck and the gloves are on. Otherwise you lose your turn.

5 If another player comes up with 'tails', he or she will rush over to you. Remove the gloves and napkin as quickly as you can.

6 Players take it in turns to spin the coin as they try to get the person eating the cookies off the stool.

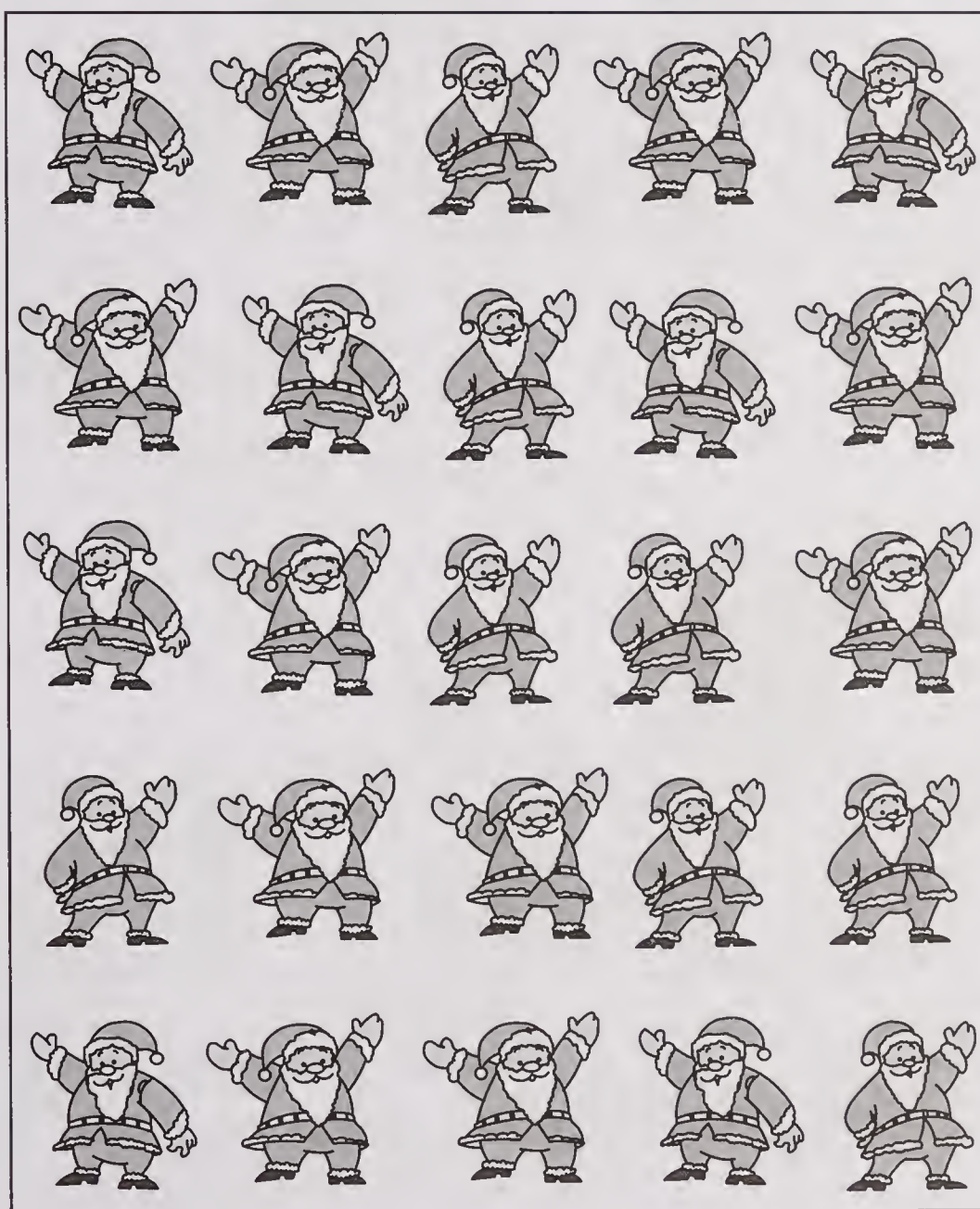
7 When you are out, take up your place in the circle once more. The player who finishes the last cookie is the winner!





SANTA SEQUENCE!

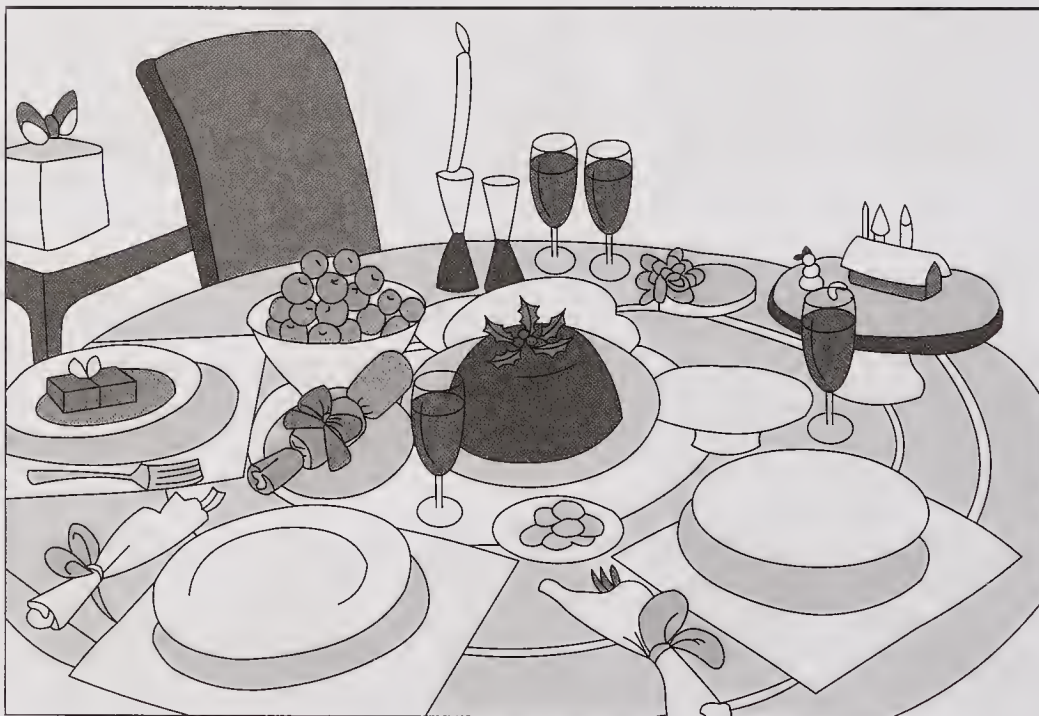
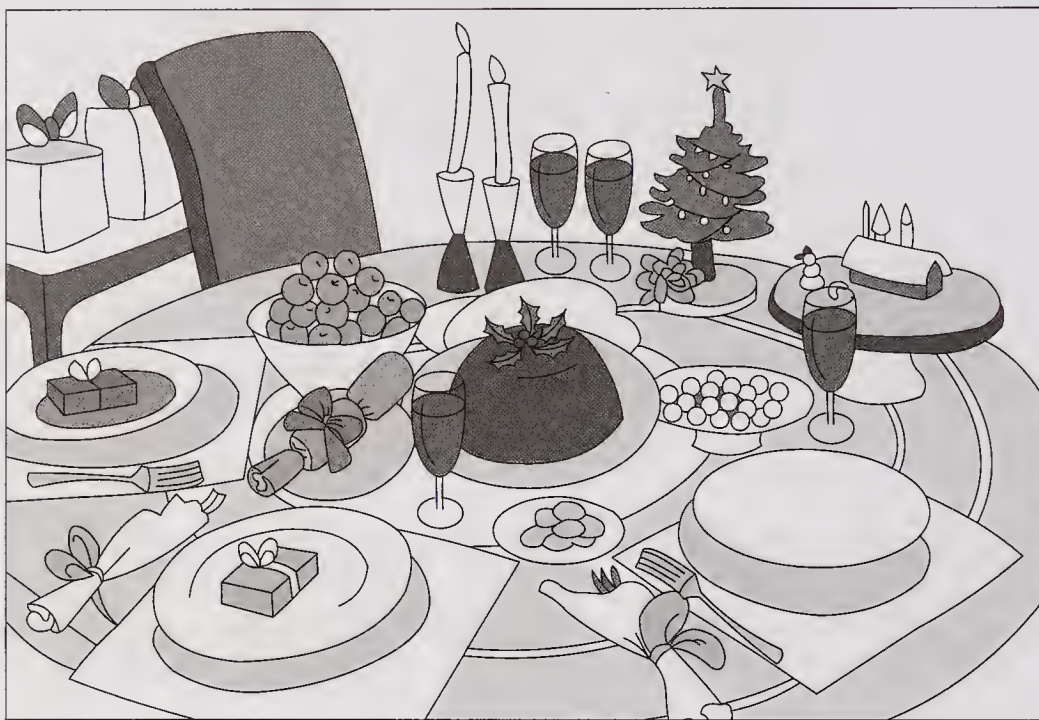
Look carefully at the order of the three Santas.
Can you find them in exactly the same order in the box? Search
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DINNER DILEMMA!



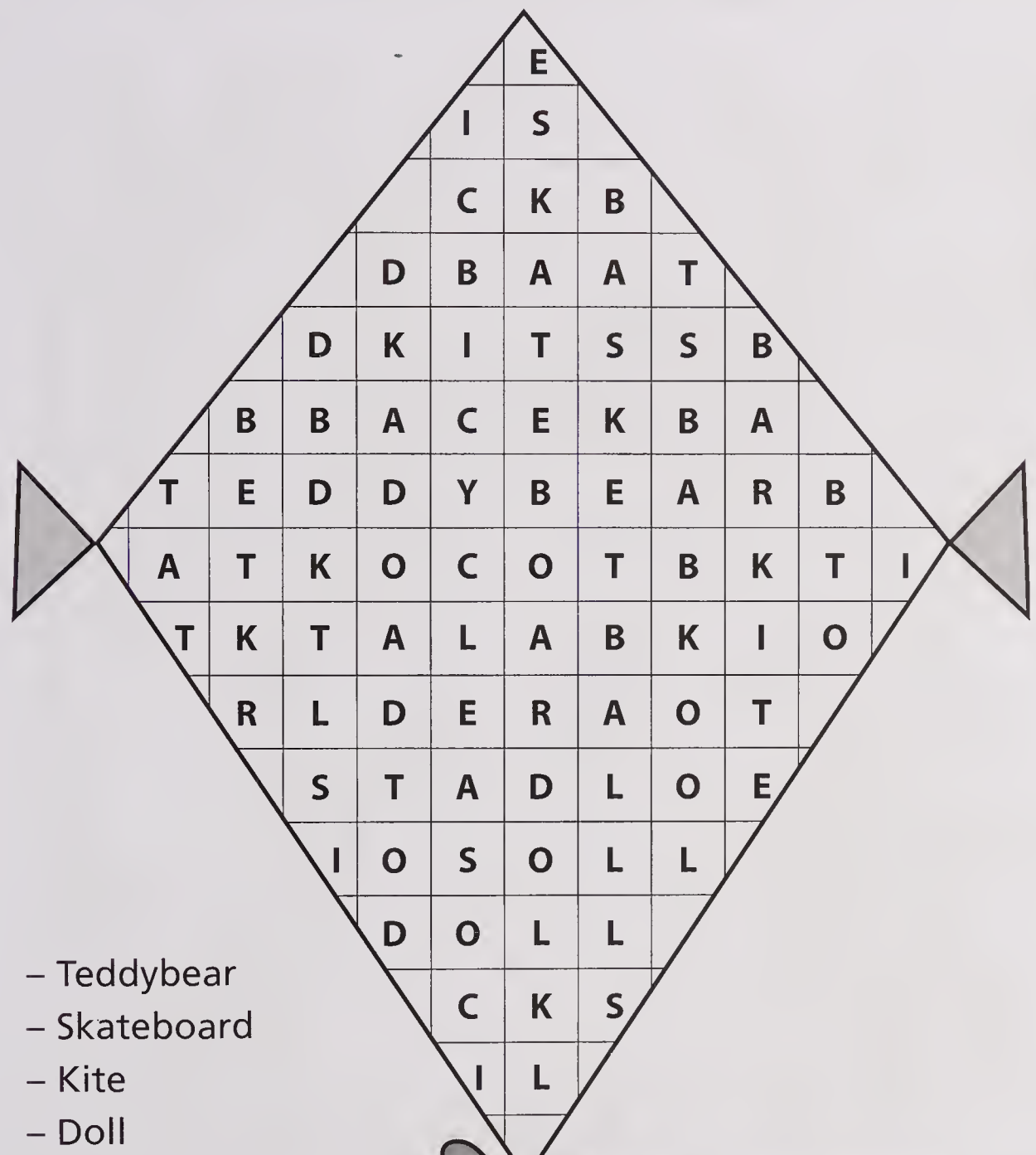
Here are two identical pictures of a tasty Christmas dinner.
Or are they? There are six differences between the two.
Can you spot them all?



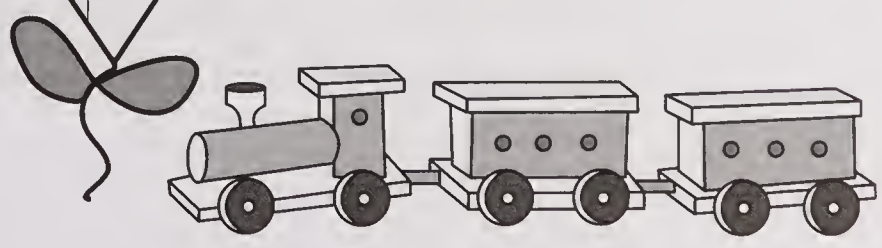


FLYING HIGH!

Look at the list of fun toys people give and receive at Christmas time. Then find them all in the kite!

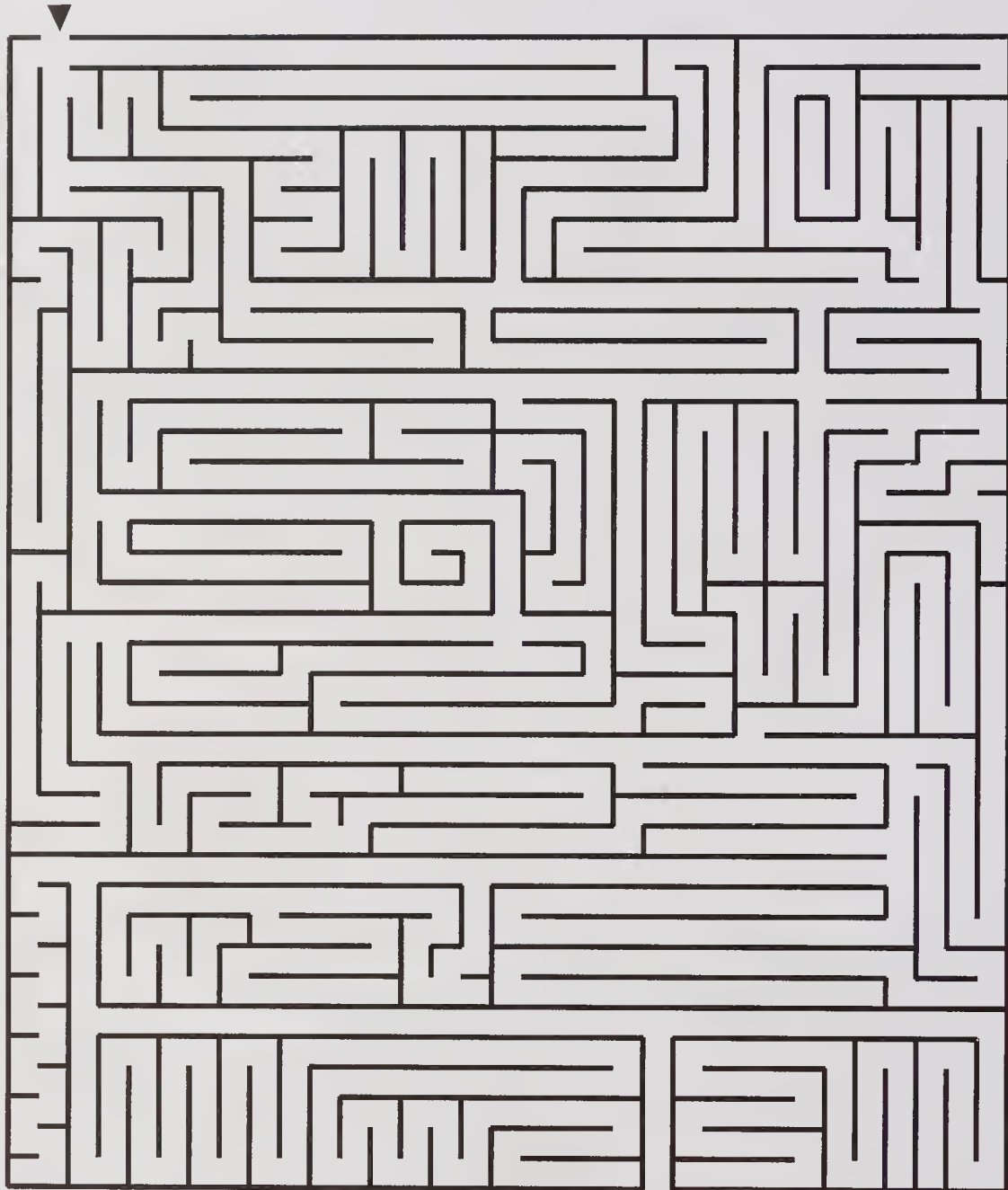


- Teddybear
- Skateboard
- Kite
- Doll
- Bicycle
- Basketball



MILK MAZE!

Poor Santa! He is looking for a drink to wash down those tasty mince pies. Help him reach the glass of milk by travelling through this maze.

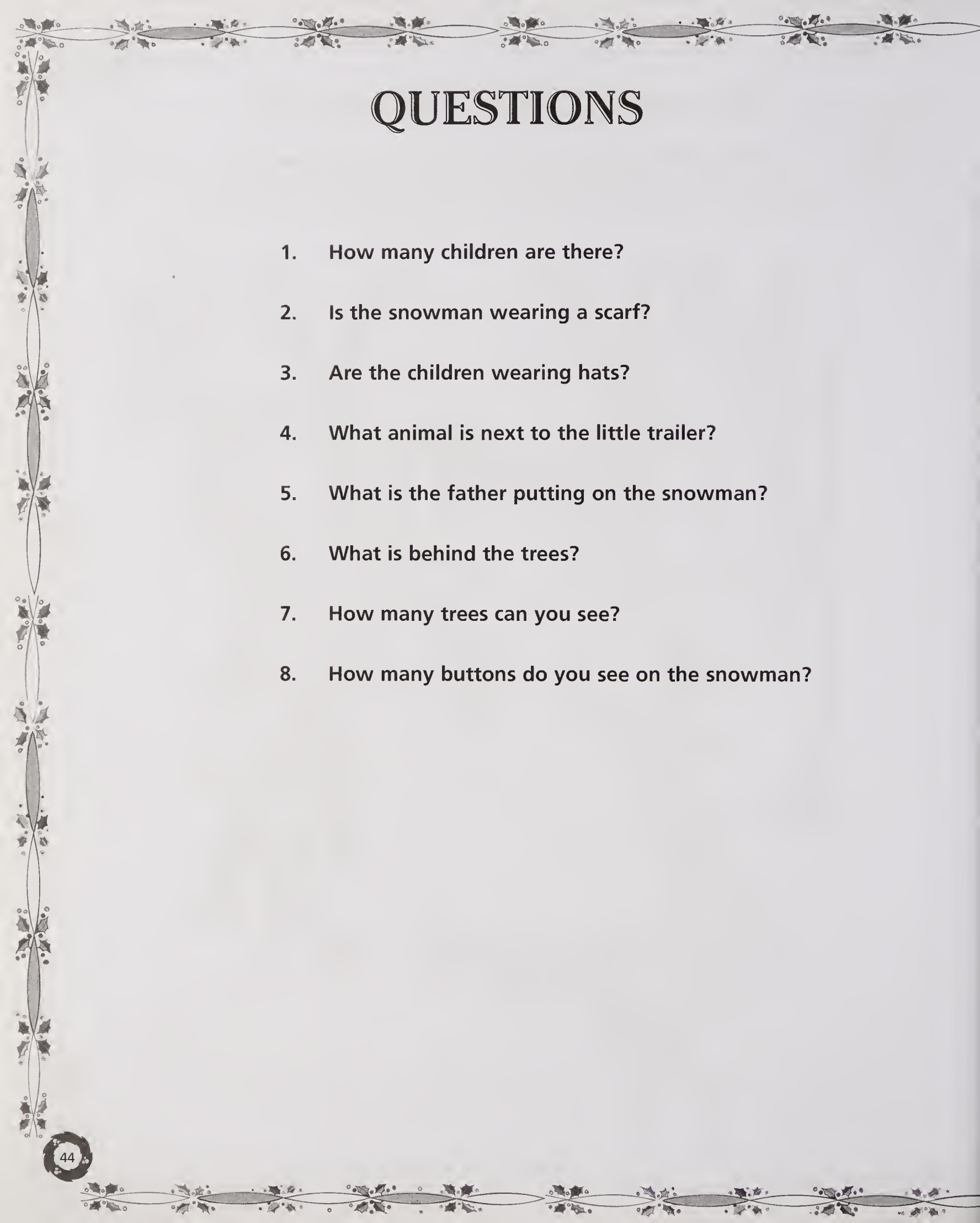




MAKING A SNOWMAN!

Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!





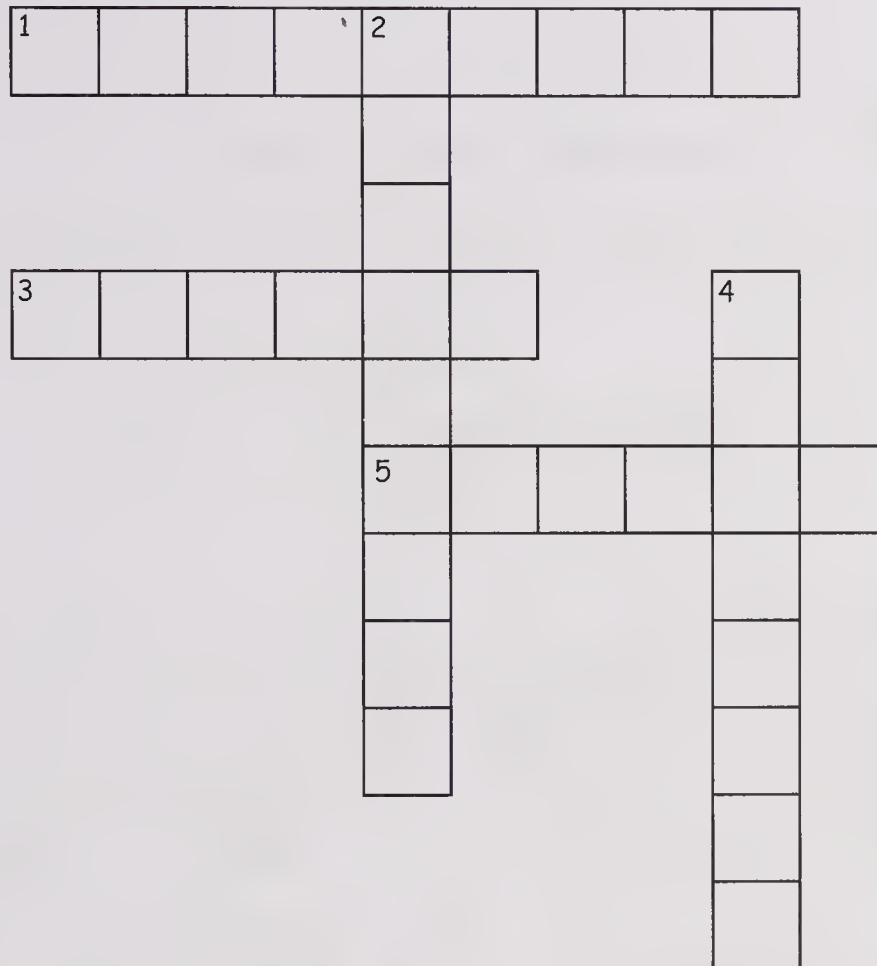
QUESTIONS

1. How many children are there?
2. Is the snowman wearing a scarf?
3. Are the children wearing hats?
4. What animal is next to the little trailer?
5. What is the father putting on the snowman?
6. What is behind the trees?
7. How many trees can you see?
8. How many buttons do you see on the snowman?

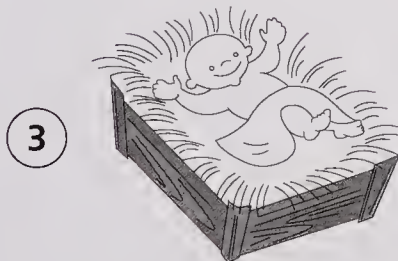
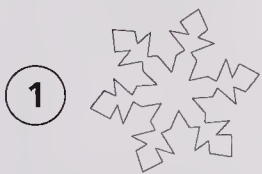


CROSS BUZZ!

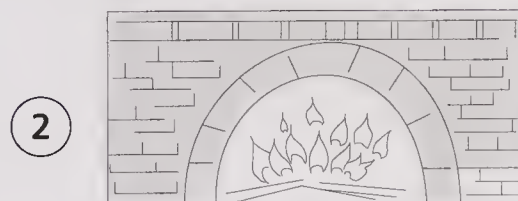
How good are you at guessing Christmas words from pictures?
Work out the words for the picture clues then complete the crossword!



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EASY-PEASY BOWS!

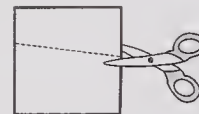
These beautiful bows are really easy to make.
Stick them on your wrapped gift boxes to
make them impossible to resist!



Here's what you will need:

- A long piece of ribbon • A stapler • Sequins or beads • Glue

Here's how to do it



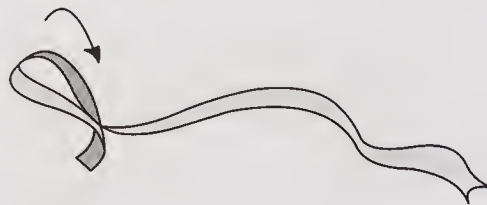
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Take one end of the ribbon and make a small loop with it. The size of the loop depends on how big or small you want your bow to be.



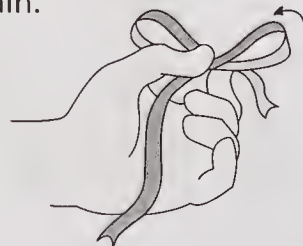
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Tightly hold the place where the end meets the main strip of the ribbon. This is called a pinch.



3

Still holding on to the pinch, take another short length of the ribbon (equal to the one you took earlier). Make another loop and pinch again.

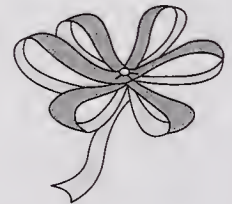


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Following a circular course, keep repeating the loop and pinch technique until your ribbon has at least six to eight loops. (the more you make, the prettier your bow will look). Make sure you are holding the bow in the centre.

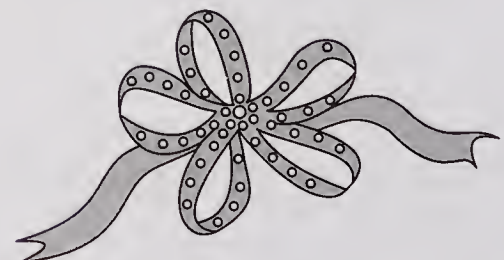
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Staple the centre where the ribbon overlaps to secure the loops. You can staple twice so your bow is firmly in place.



6

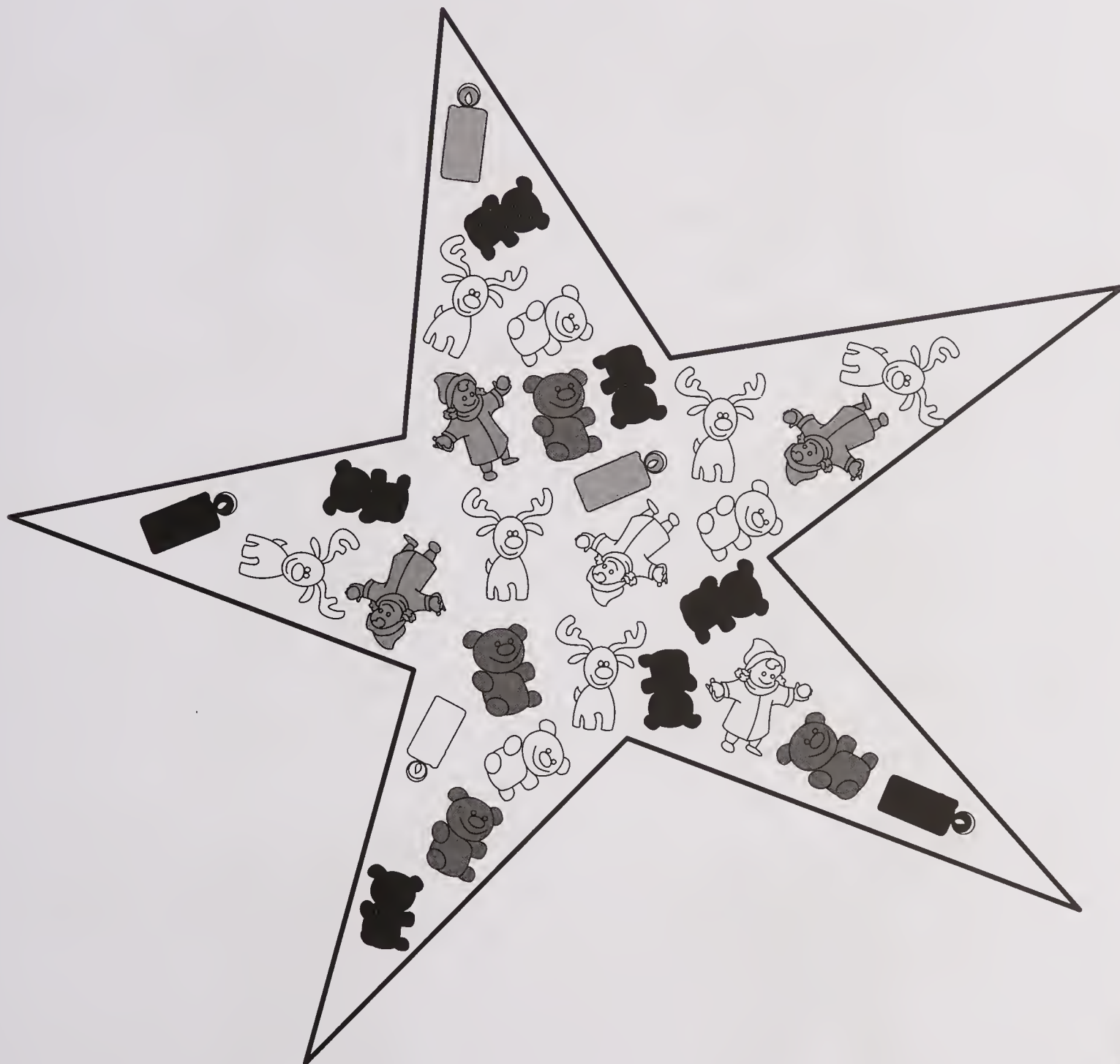
Carefully apply some glue over the ribbon and stick a few tiny sequins or beads to cover it. When it's dry, your bow is ready to decorate your presents!





SUPER STAR!

This pointy star has lots of different shapes in it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



CHOCOLATE TREATS!



Christmas just isn't Christmas without little chocolates to snack on. So just follow this recipe and make some for you and your friends to enjoy.



Here's what you will need:



- 115g (4oz) butter • 170g (6oz) sugar • 340g (12oz) chocolate chips
- 170g (6oz) chopped walnuts • 340g (12oz) coloured mini marshmallows
- 200g (7oz) dessicated coconut • 5 sheets of waxed paper each about 23 cm square

★ Here's how to do it ★

1

Ask an adult to help you fill 3/4 of a large saucepan with hot water and place it over a low heat. Put the butter, sugar and chocolate chips in a glass mixing bowl and place it in the saucepan.



2

Stir occasionally until the butter and chocolate melt into a smooth paste. Remove from heat and allow the mixture to cool.

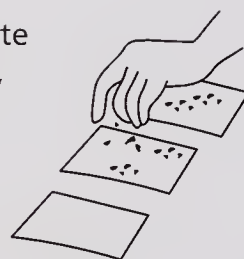
3

Add the marshmallows and nuts to the chocolate mixture.



4

While the chocolate mixture is cooling, lay the sheets of wax paper on a flat surface. Sprinkle coconut on the wax paper.



5

Spoon a generous amount of the chocolate mixture on to the wax sheets. Roll up into a log shape. Leave them in the fridge overnight.



6

Take it out the next morning and cut into chunky slices. Peel off the wax paper and hey presto! A mouth-watering chocolate treat complete with a snowy winter covering!



SANTA SEARCH!

Here are six well-dressed Santas. But one is not dressed the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!



OUT OF TUNE!

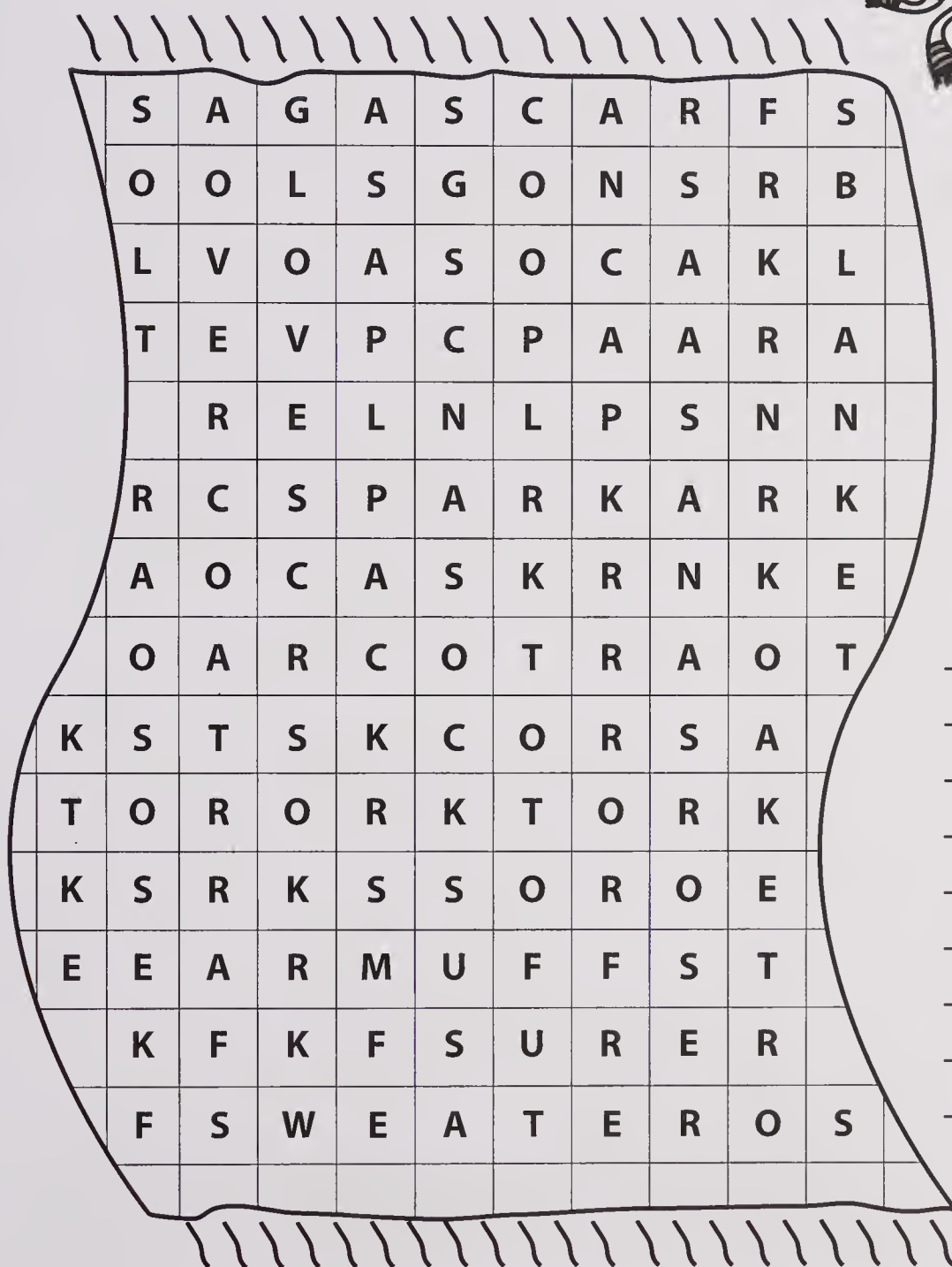
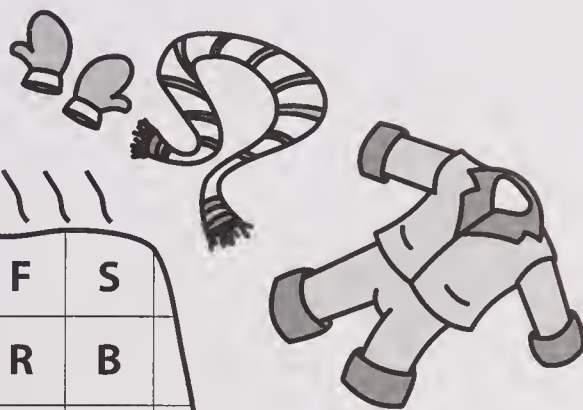
Here are two identical pictures of carol singers...or are they? There are six differences between the two.
Can you spot them all?





WINTER WORDS!

Look at the list of snugly winter things we wear to keep ourselves warm at Christmas. Find them all in the scarf!



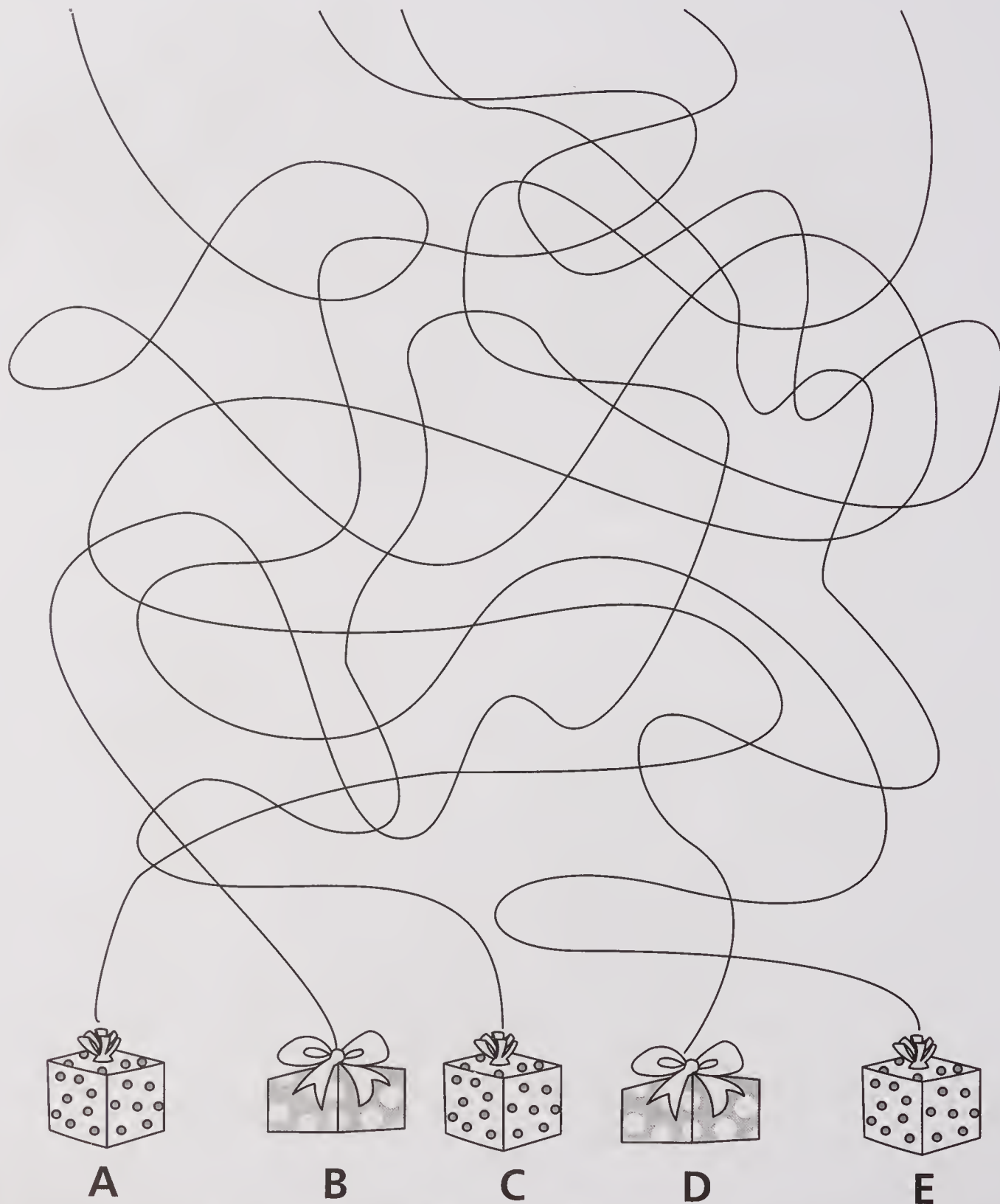
- Sweater
- Parka
- Overcoat
- Cap
- Scarf
- Socks
- Earmuffs
- Blanket
- Gloves





GARbled GIFTS!

The ribbon for each of these gifts has got tangled with the others. Help Santa deliver them by correctly untangling them.





JUMBLE JAM!

Here's a list that will confuse Santa! Can you unscramble the letters and rearrange them into words?

1. S R S H C T I A M E R T E

— — — — — — — — — — — — — —

2. C R D O E T A O S N I

— — — — — — — — — — — — — —

3. S E E V L

— — — — — — — — — — — — — —

4. C E B D E E R M

— — — — — — — — — — — — — —

5. C E P N R A R

— — — — — — — — — — — — — —



CHRISTMAS CHEER!



Let's make this warm Christmas scene come alive!
Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture
using the number key as a guide.

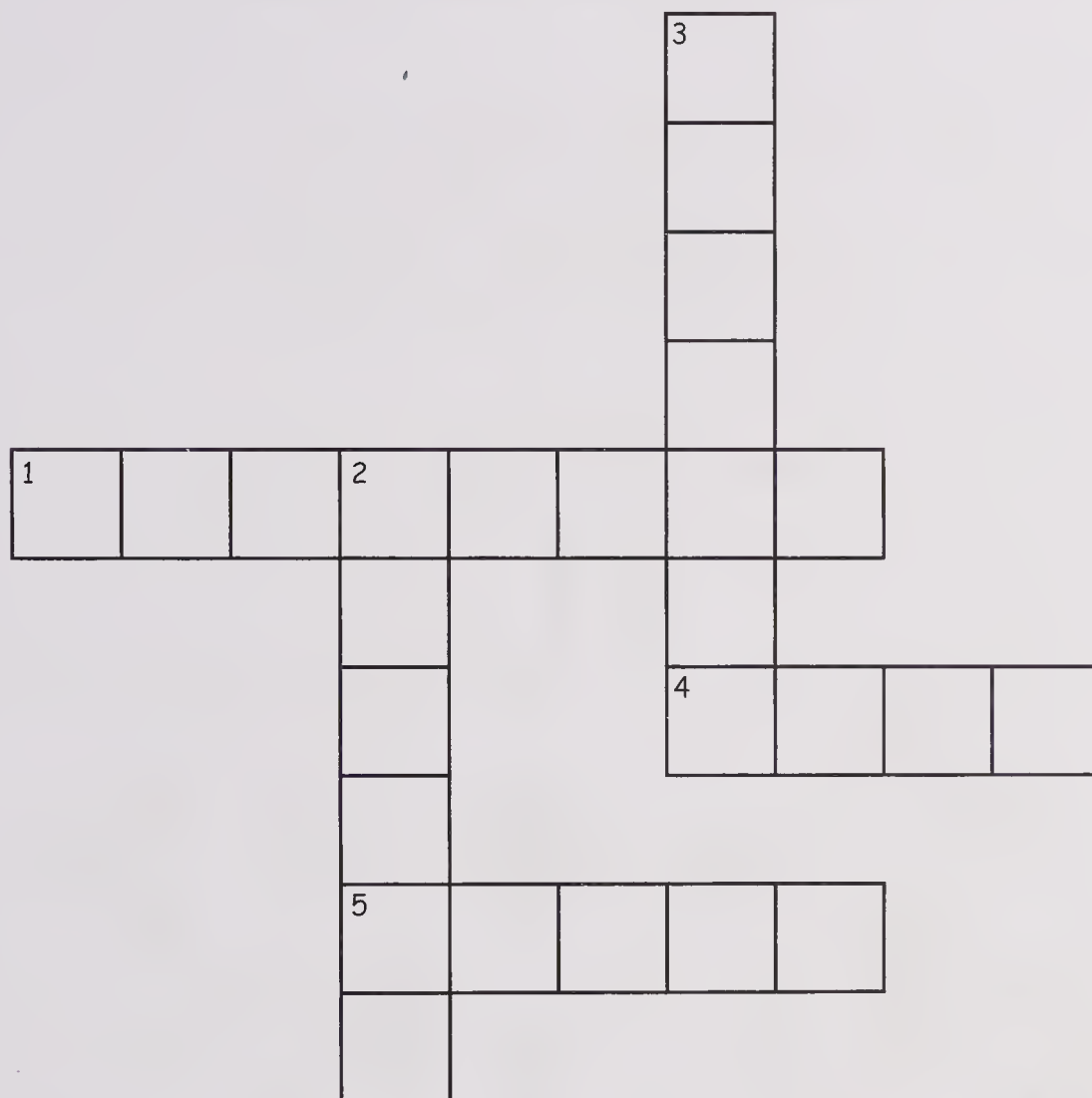
- 1 – Red
- 2 – Yellow
- 3 – Black
- 4 – Pink
- 5 – Green
- 6 – Brown
- 7 – Light Brown
- 8 – Blue
- 9 – Orange





TALKING PICTURES!

How good are you at guessing Christmas words from pictures?
Work out the words for the picture clues then complete the crossword!



Across



Down



IT'S A WRAP!



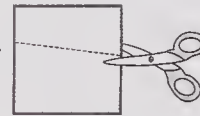
When you add a creative touch to gift wrapping it becomes even more special. Follow these simple instructions for tips on how to make your presents amazing!



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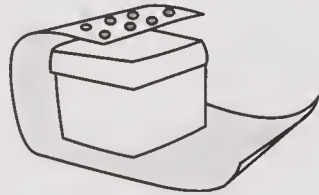
- Gift in a box • Christmas wrapping paper • Sticky tape • Glue • Scissors
- Pencil • Coloured paper • white paper

Here's how to do it



1

Wrap your gift box with the Christmas wrapping paper.

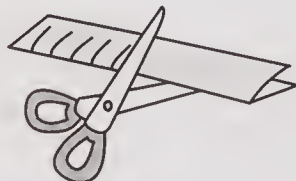


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Then cut long strips of coloured and white paper about 12cm (4.5 inches) wide. Fold each strip in half lengthways.

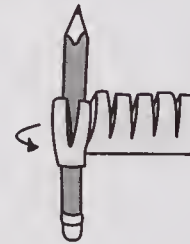
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Along the long folded side, cut two-thirds of the way to the edge of the paper with scissors.



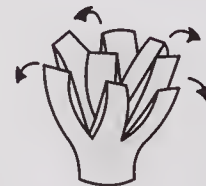
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Wind the strips tightly around a pencil. Tape the ends together and remove the pencil.



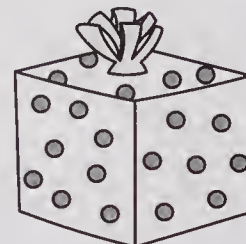
5

Open up the loops of paper to make a flower.



6

Glue the flowers in bunches on the wrapped present and give it away!





SMART SACK!

Santa's sack has lots of different shapes in it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?





PIGGY-BACK SACK!

Get to know how Santa feels carrying that heavy sack of presents! Play this game and find out who makes the best team on piggyback.

- Number of Players** : Four or more (even number), plus an adult to supervise the game.
- Materials Required** :
• Santa costumes • Stones or stick for marking start/turning lines
• A whistle (optional)
- Object of the Game** : To carry your partner on your back, swap over, then race back to the finish line as a pair.



1

Find a safe area to play in, either on grass or soft sand. Using a stone or a stick, mark out the start and turning lines about 10 metres (30 feet) apart.

2

Divide everyone into pairs or teams of at least three pairs.

3

One player in each pair puts on the Santa costume. Their partner lines up in position along the starting line. These players will be Santa's sack.

4

When the supervising adult calls out 'on your marks, get set, go!' or signals the start by blowing a whistle, climb up onto your partner's back (who is dressed as Santa). Loosely wrap your arms around his or her shoulders. Leave your legs dangling by their waist.

5

Your partner holds onto your legs and carries you piggyback as you both head towards the turning line. When he or she sets you down, you swap over. This time, you are Santa and your partner is Santa's sack!

6

Race back to the starting line as a pair. If teams are playing, the second pair runs the course after the first pair have come back and so on. The first pair or first team to cross the finish line is the winner!



Children under the age of 7 should not carry their friends on piggyback! Older children may carry younger ones, though.



THREE WISE MEN!

Look carefully at the order of the three wise men.
Can you find them in exactly the same order in the box? Search
from left to right, top to bottom and from the bottom upwards!



RUDOLPH REPLICA!



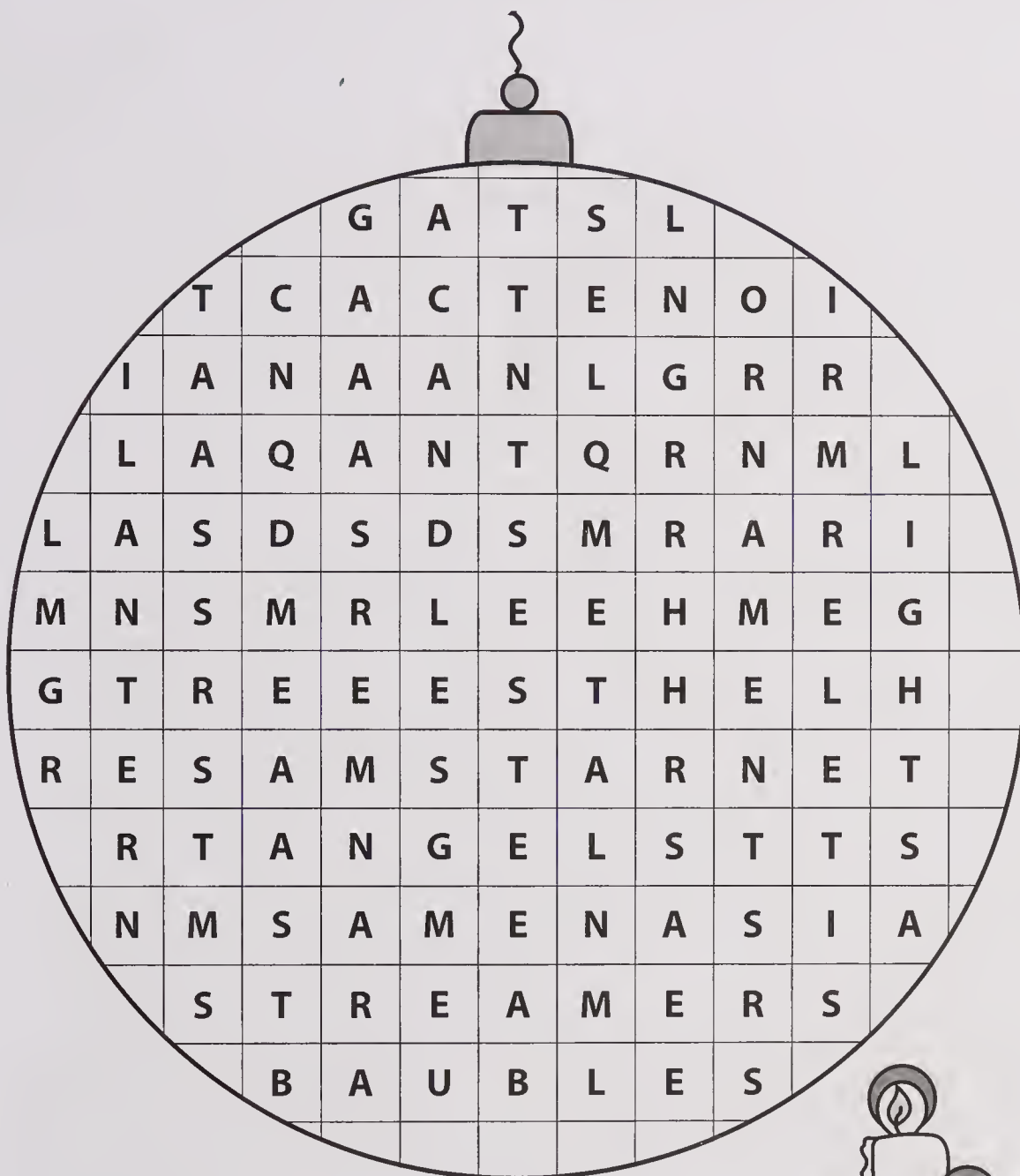
Here are two identical pictures of Rudolph and two friends...or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?





BAUBLE HUNT!

Look at the list of decorations we use to make our houses look festive and fun. Find them all inside the bauble!



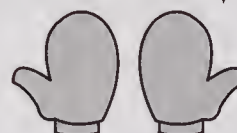
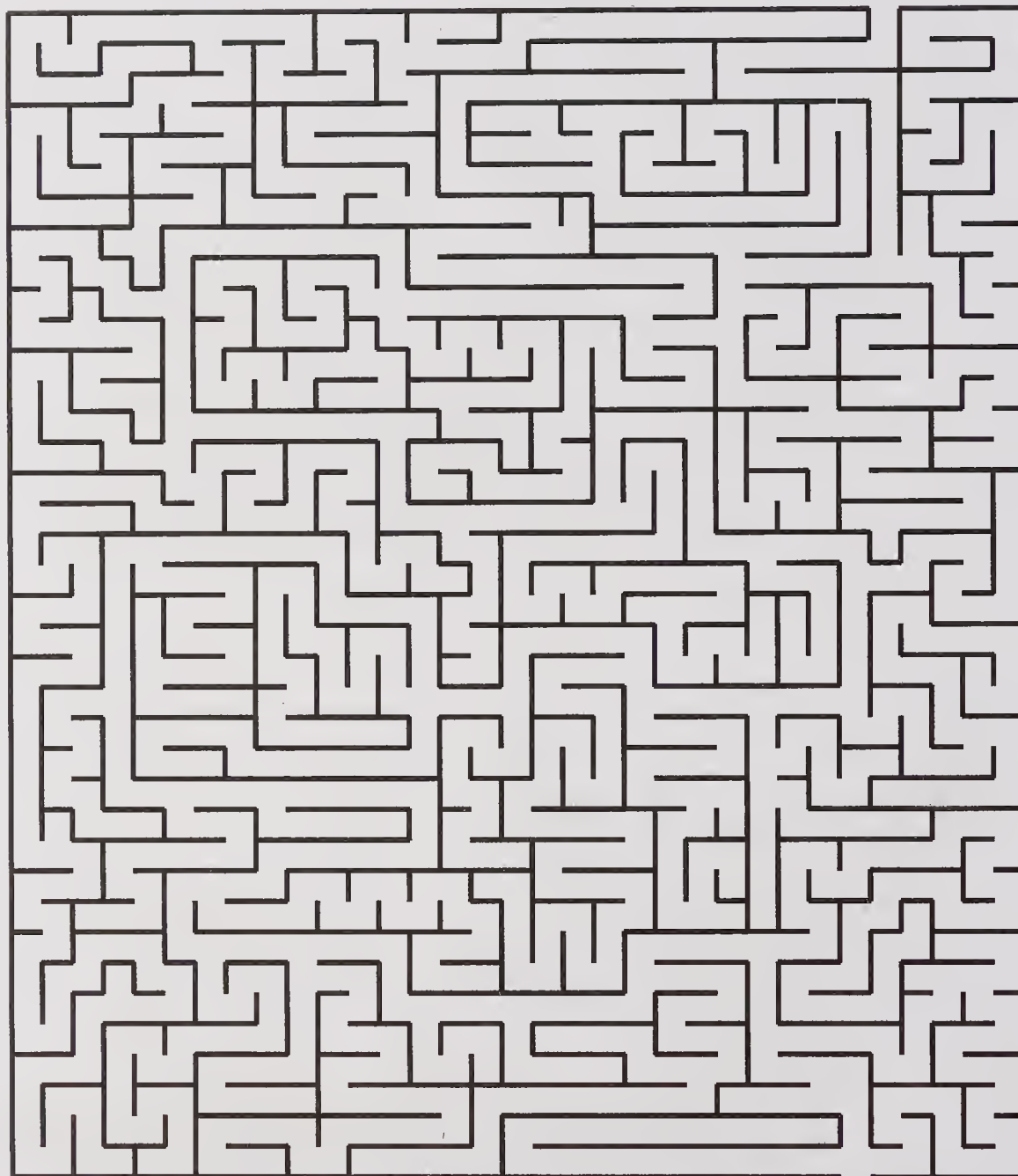
- Ornaments
- Angel
- Lights
- Candles
- Lantern
- Streamers
- Baubles
- Star
- Tree



KNIT KNOTS!



Match the mittens with the jumper to make a perfect set!
You can do so by correctly travelling through this maze.

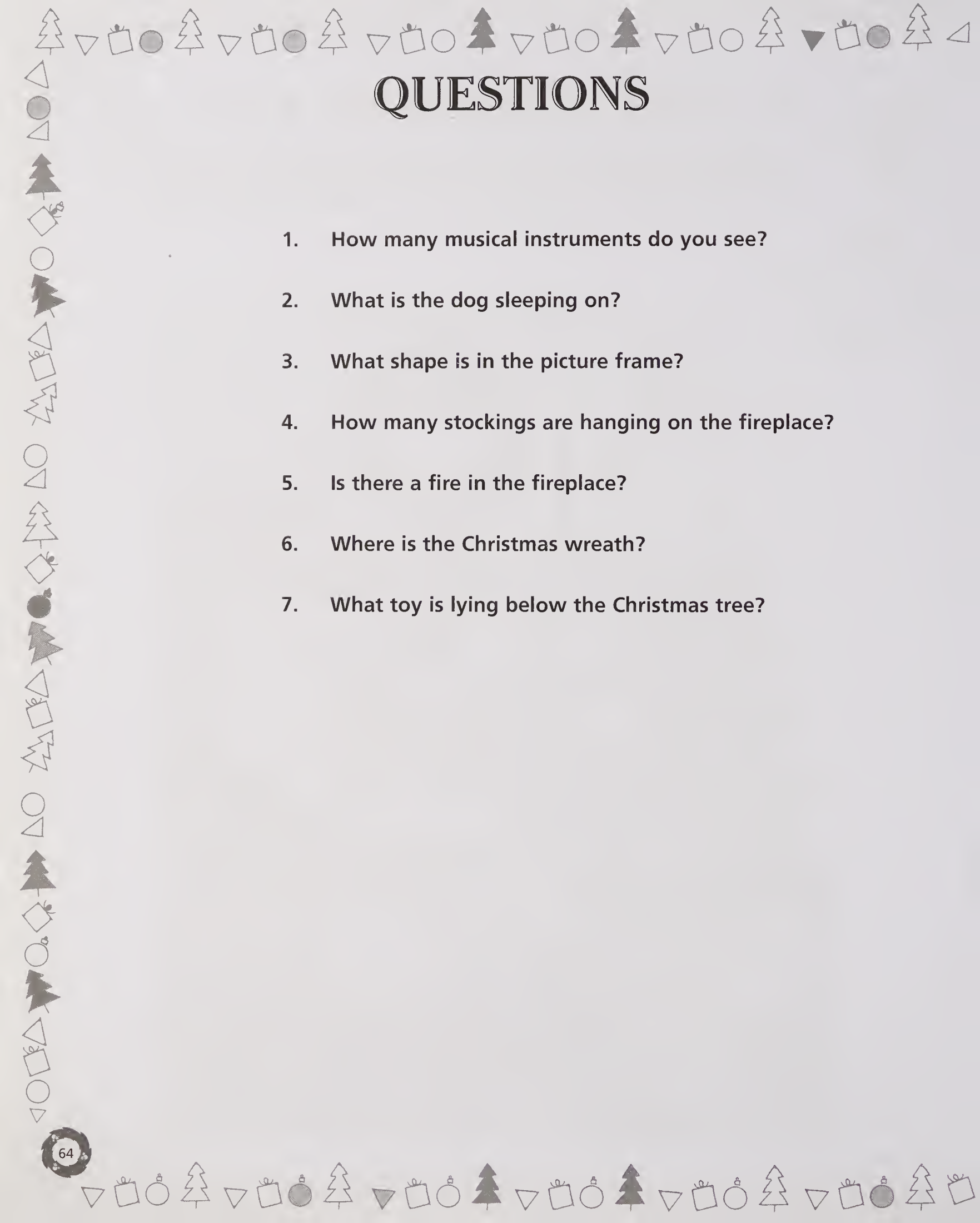




A COSY CHRISTMAS EVE!

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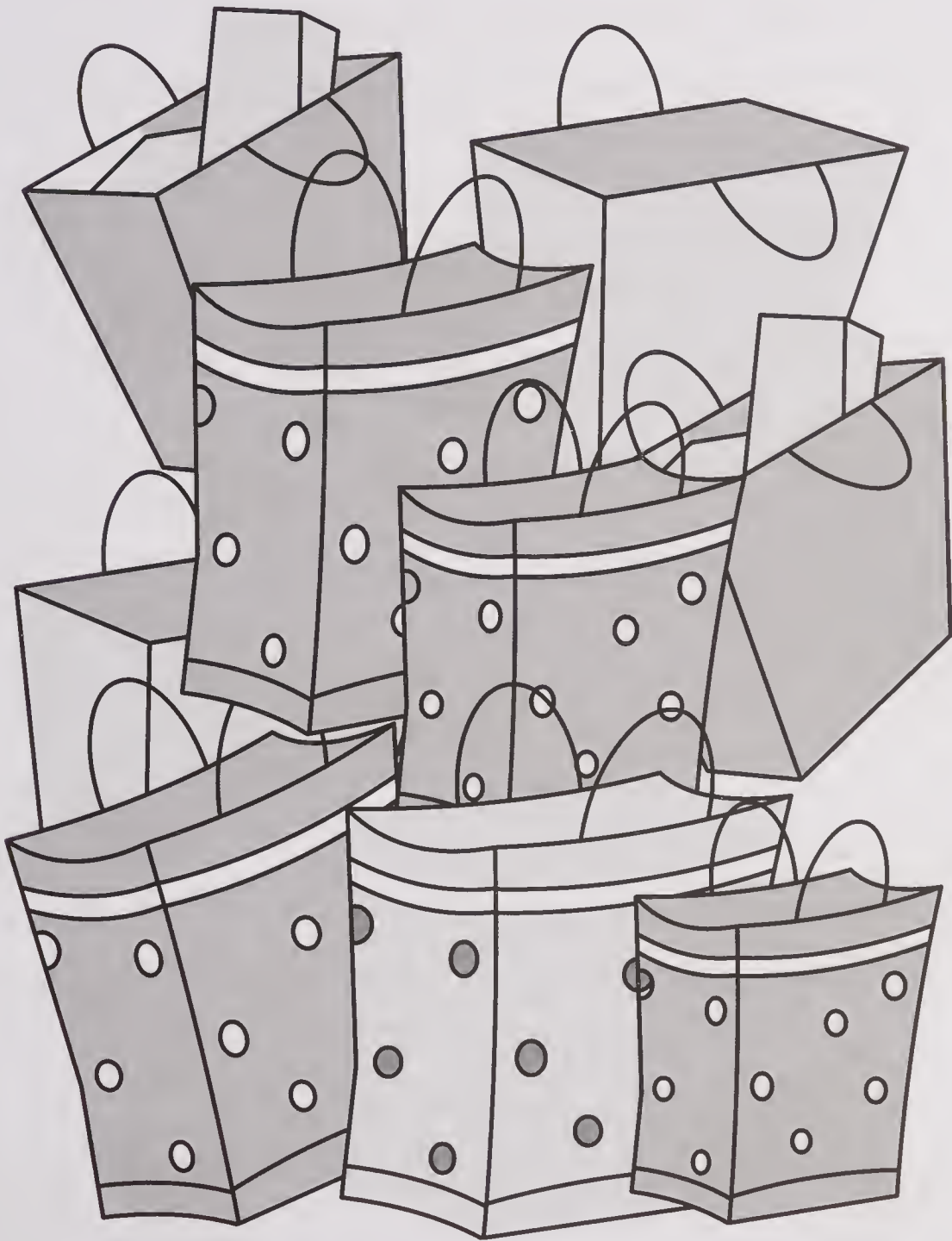
QUESTIONS

1. How many musical instruments do you see?
2. What is the dog sleeping on?
3. What shape is in the picture frame?
4. How many stockings are hanging on the fireplace?
5. Is there a fire in the fireplace?
6. Where is the Christmas wreath?
7. What toy is lying below the Christmas tree?



SHOPPING SPREE!

Wow! That's a lot of Christmas shopping.
Can you count all the shopping bags in this picture?
There are lots that overlap so count carefully!



LET THERE BE LIGHT!

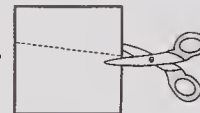
Brighten up those dark wintry nights by making a bright and cheerful lantern! It's really easy to make, so follow these simple instructions and shine some colourful light anywhere you want.



Here's what you will need:

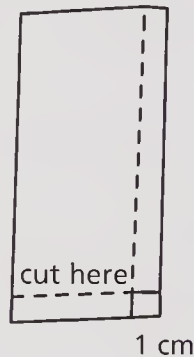
- Sheet of coloured or decorative paper • Ruler • Pencil • Scissors • Glue

Here's how to do it



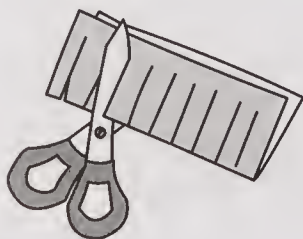
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Take a sheet of coloured or patterned paper and draw a line 1cm from the long edge and 2cm from the short edge. Cut along the short line. This piece will be used to make the handle.



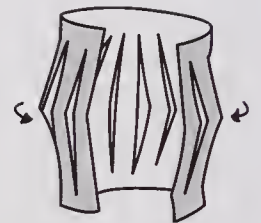
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Fold the paper in half lengthways. Along the folded edge measure 1.5 cm sections and draw lines up to the pencil line. Do this along the length of the paper.



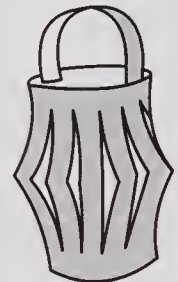
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Unfold the paper and glue the short edges together to form a tube.



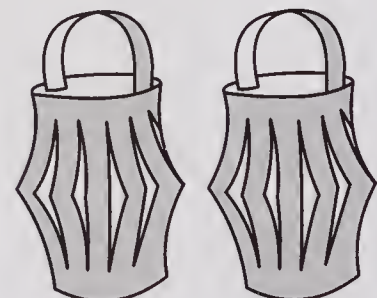
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Glue the handle to the inside of the lantern.



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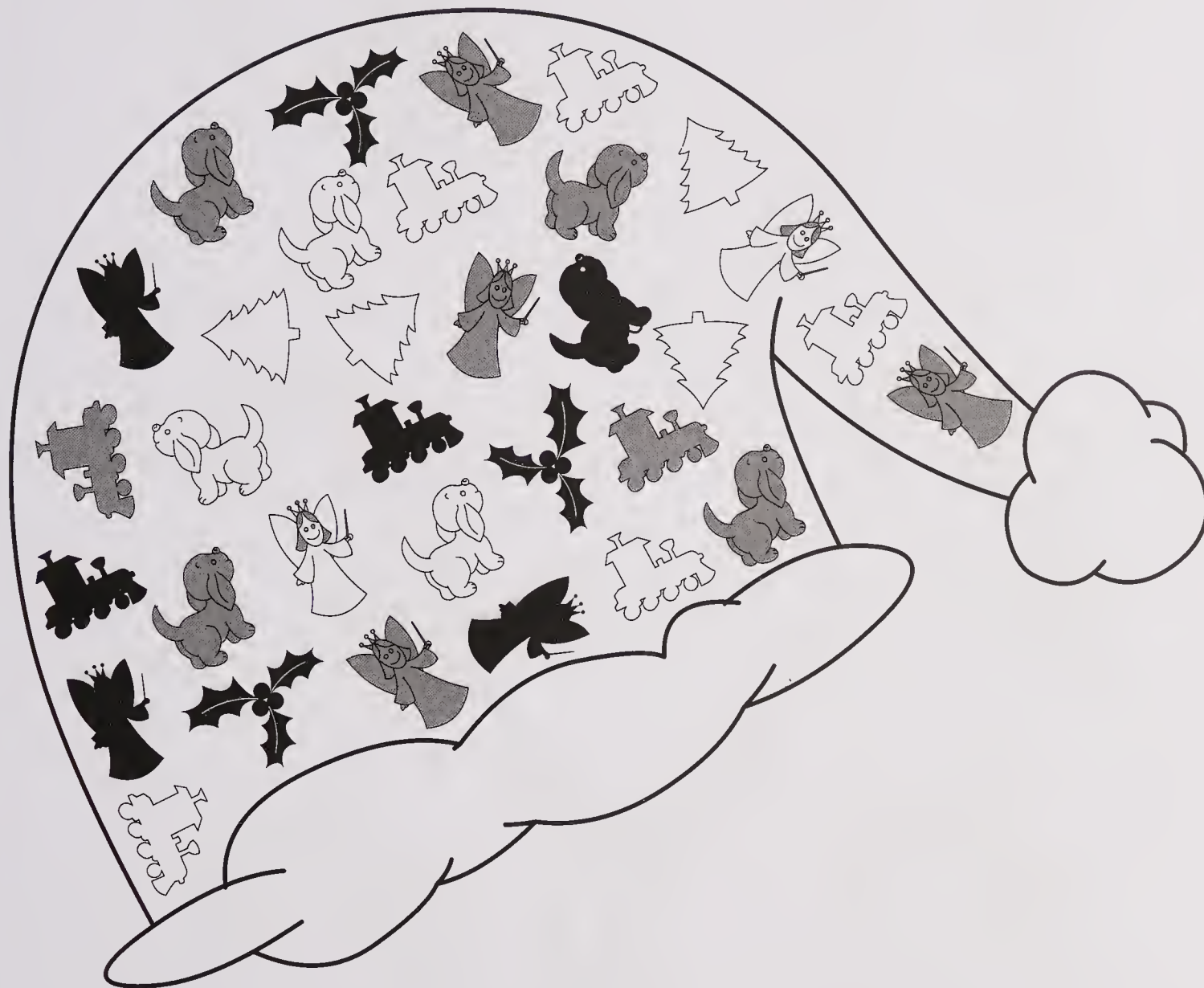
Hang your lantern over a lightbulb and watch the light stream through in amazingly bright colours!





HAT TRICK!

Santa's hat has lots of different shapes on it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?





FIND THE FAIRY!

Here are some pretty fairies to go on the tree.
But one is not the same as the others.
Try and spot the odd one out!





WHO'S THERE?

What does the coded message below tell you about the identity of the lost reindeer? Use the grid to write down each letter carefully to find out!

	1	2	3	4	5
A	E	L	D	P	R
B	T	R	H	U	I
C	O	S	N	E	H

— A5 — B4 — A3 — C1 — A2 — A4 — C5 — B1 — B3 — C4

— B2 — A1 — A3 — C3 — C1 — C2 — A1 — A3

— B2 — C4 — B5 — C3 — A3 — C4 — A1 — B2



CHRISTMAS COPIES!



Here are two identical pictures of Christmas presents...
or are they? There are six differences between the two.
Can you spot them all?



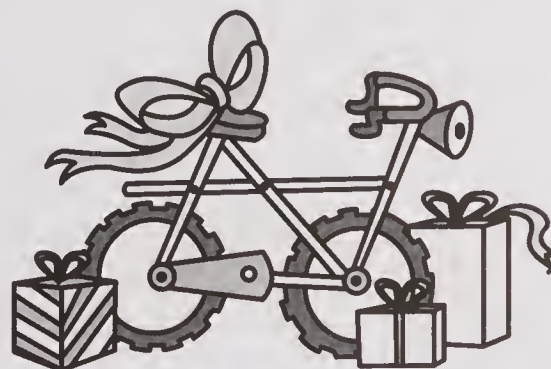


PRESENT PUZZLE!

Look at the list of exciting Christmas presents. Find them all inside the beautifully wrapped gift box!

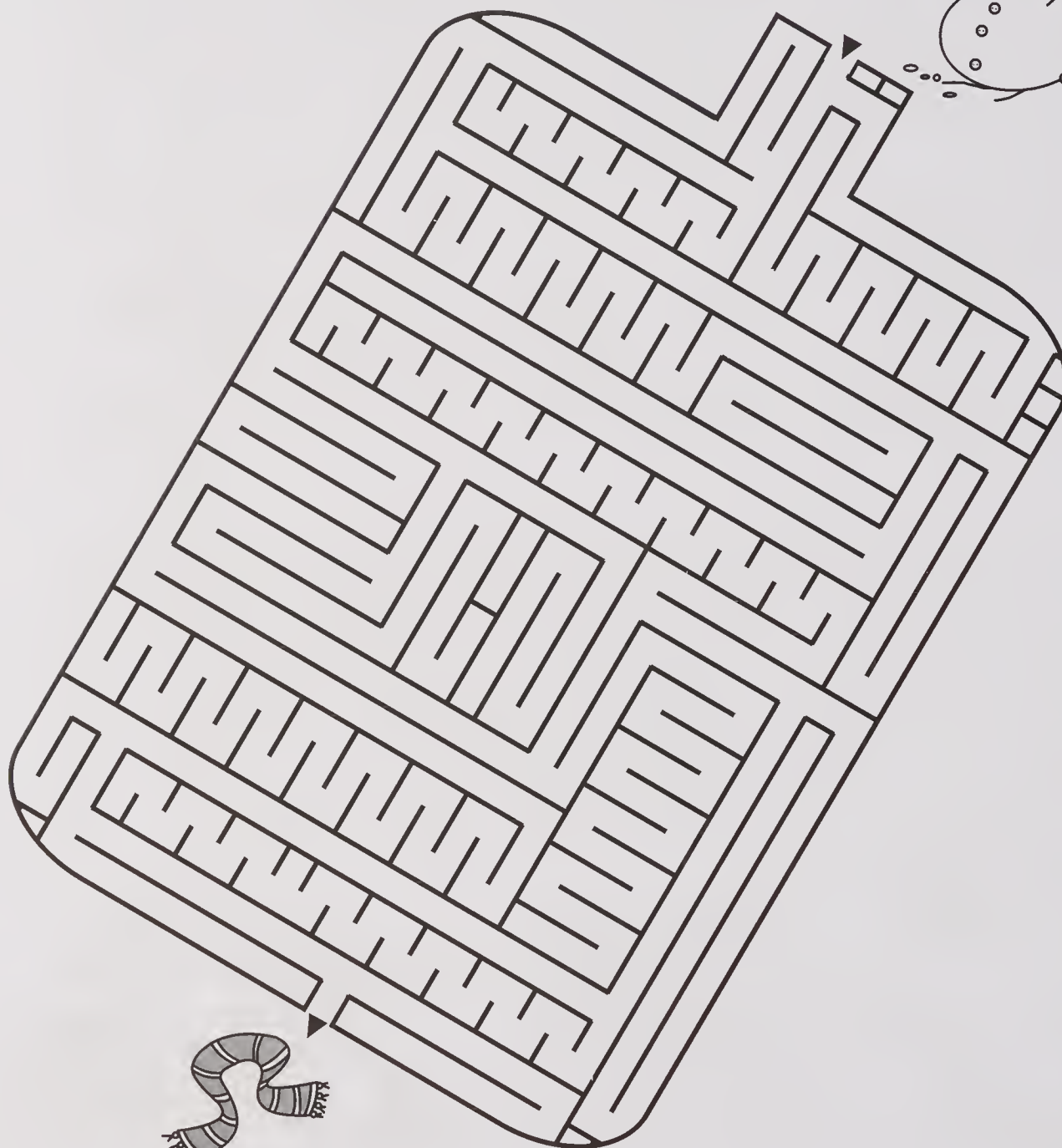


- Jewellery
- Books
- Clothes
- Toys
- Chocolates
- Shoes
- Computers
- Wristwatches
- Cameras
- Pets
- Cards



SNOWMAN SCARF!

This snowman is feeling cold! Help him reach the scarf
by correctly travelling through this maze.





YULE LOG!

Showcase your talent with this impressive chocolate yule log.
The perfect centrepiece for your Christmas dinner table!



Here's what you will need:

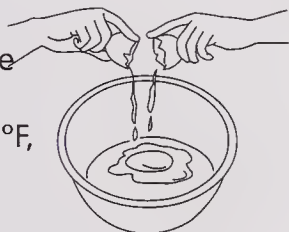


• 2 large eggs • 50g (2oz) caster sugar • 3 heaped tablespoons plain flour • pinch of salt
• 1/2 tablespoon of cocoa powder • 1/4 teaspoon vanilla essence • 1 tablespoon warm water

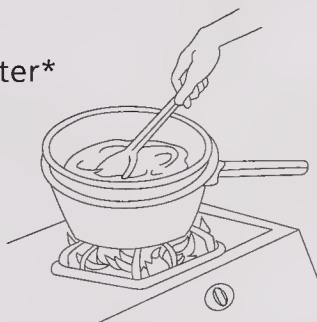
For the chocolate buttercream icing: • 100g (4oz) butter • 100g (4oz) cocoa powder • 75ml (3oz) warm milk • 1 tablespoon vanilla essence • 400g (16oz) sifted icing sugar

★ Here's how to do it ★

- 1** Break the eggs into a mixing bowl and add the sugar. After you do this, preheat the oven to 350°F, 180°C or gas mark 4.*



- 2** Place the bowl over a saucepan of warm water* and beat the mixture until it thickens. Add the water and vanilla essence to it. Remove from the heat.



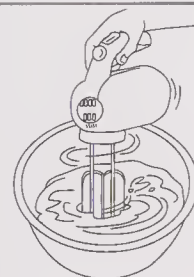
- 3** Meanwhile, sieve the flour, salt and cocoa powder over the mixing bowl and fold this into the egg and sugar mixture. Line a long, rectangular cake tin with greaseproof paper and pour the mixture into it.



- 4** Put the cake in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes. The cake will be springy to touch when it is ready.

* Ask an adult to help you with this

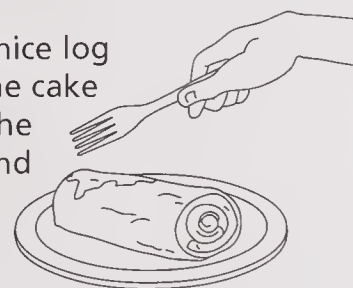
- 5** Put all the ingredients for the buttercream icing in a small bowl. Beat with an electric mixer until it is smooth and spreadable.



- 6** Turn the cake out onto a cloth sprinkled with caster sugar. Spread a layer of the buttercream icing over the cake. Then carefully roll it into a sausage shape starting from the long edge. Use the cloth to ease it into position.



- 7** When rolled into a nice log shape, cover with the cake with remainder of the buttercream icing and use a fork to make it look like the bark of a log.

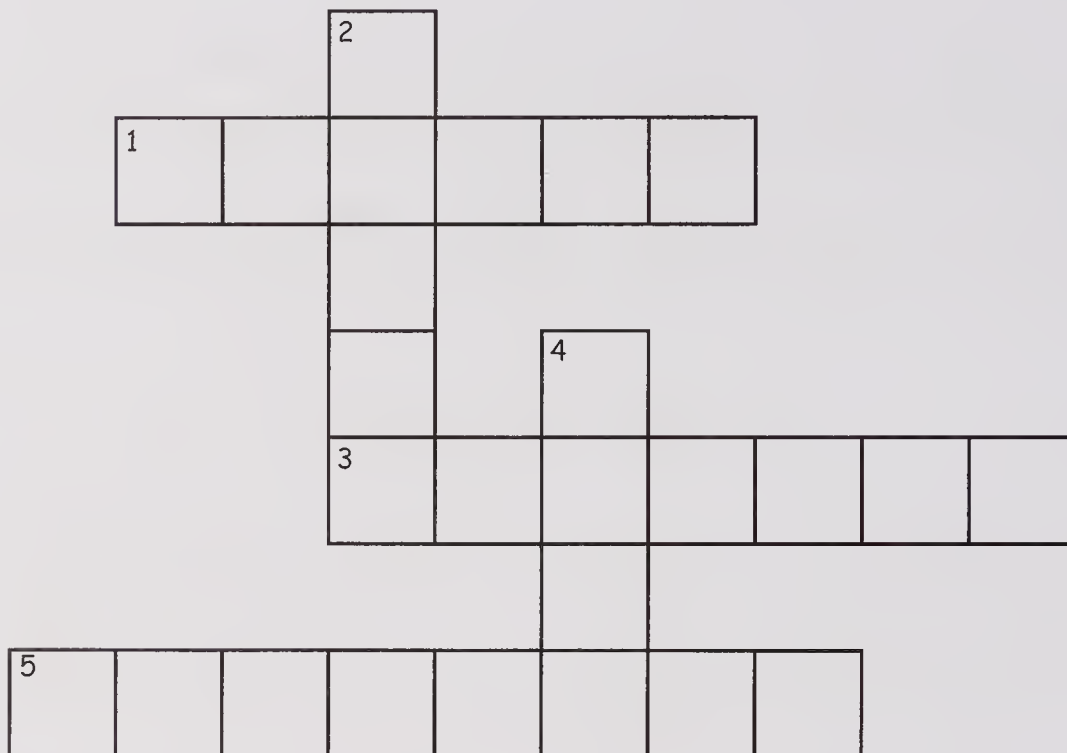


- 8** Decorate with ribbon and holly decorations and sprinkle with a little icing sugar to look like snow!



WORD CHAIN!

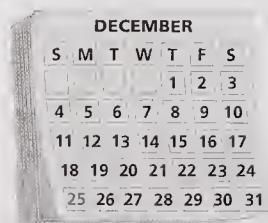
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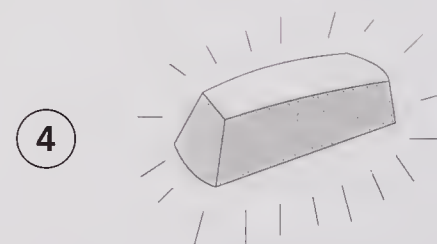
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BEAR BUNGLE!

The toy shop has got into a bit of a mess!
Can you count all the bears in this picture?
There are lots that overlap so count carefully!





SUPER STOCKING!

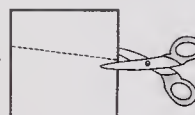
Make your own special stocking this Christmas eve.
All you will need to impress Santa is some simple
supplies and some inspiration!



Here's what you will need:

- Coloured felt • Coloured thread or ribbon • Scissors
- Glue • A hole punch • Glitter and decorative shapes • A marker pen

Here's how to do it



1

Take the coloured felt and fold it in half. Draw a large stocking shape on it with the marker pen. Cut along the shape to get two stocking pieces.



2

Glue the two stockings together around the edges. Take care to keep the top open. Don't glue it shut or you won't get any presents!



3

Punch holes all around the edges of the stocking (but not at the top).



4

Take the thread or ribbon and weave it in and out of the holes. Leave a loop of thread at one end and tie it in a knot. Now you can hang it up!



5

Decorate your stocking with glitter and Christmas pictures. Your super stocking is ready to impress Santa!





HIDDEN HOLLY!

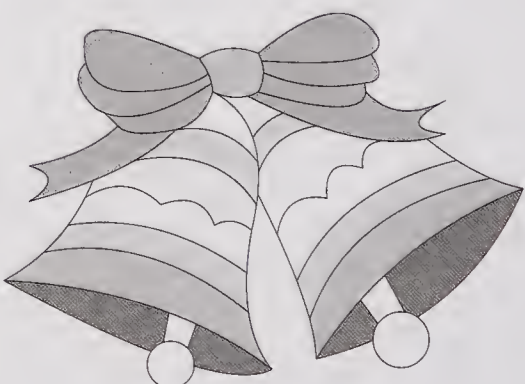
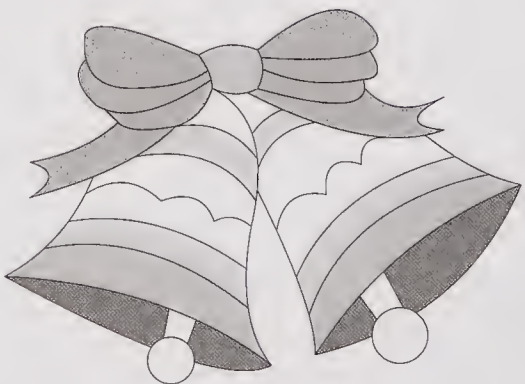
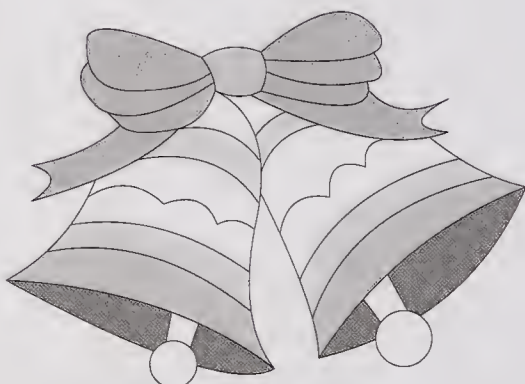
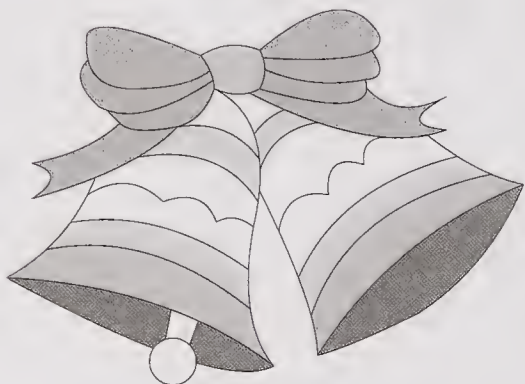
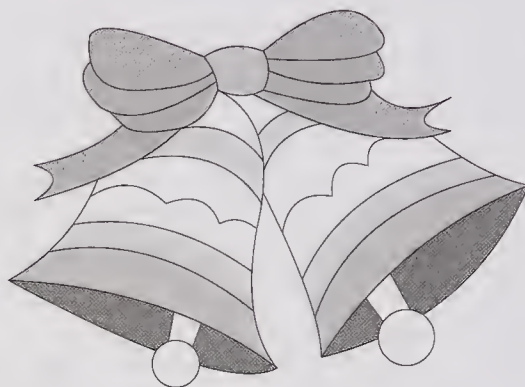
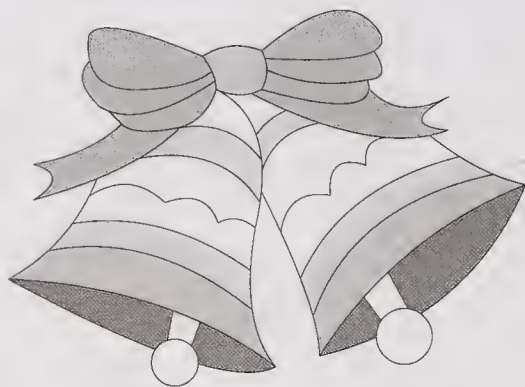
This holly leaf has lots of different shapes in it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



BRILLIANT BELLS!



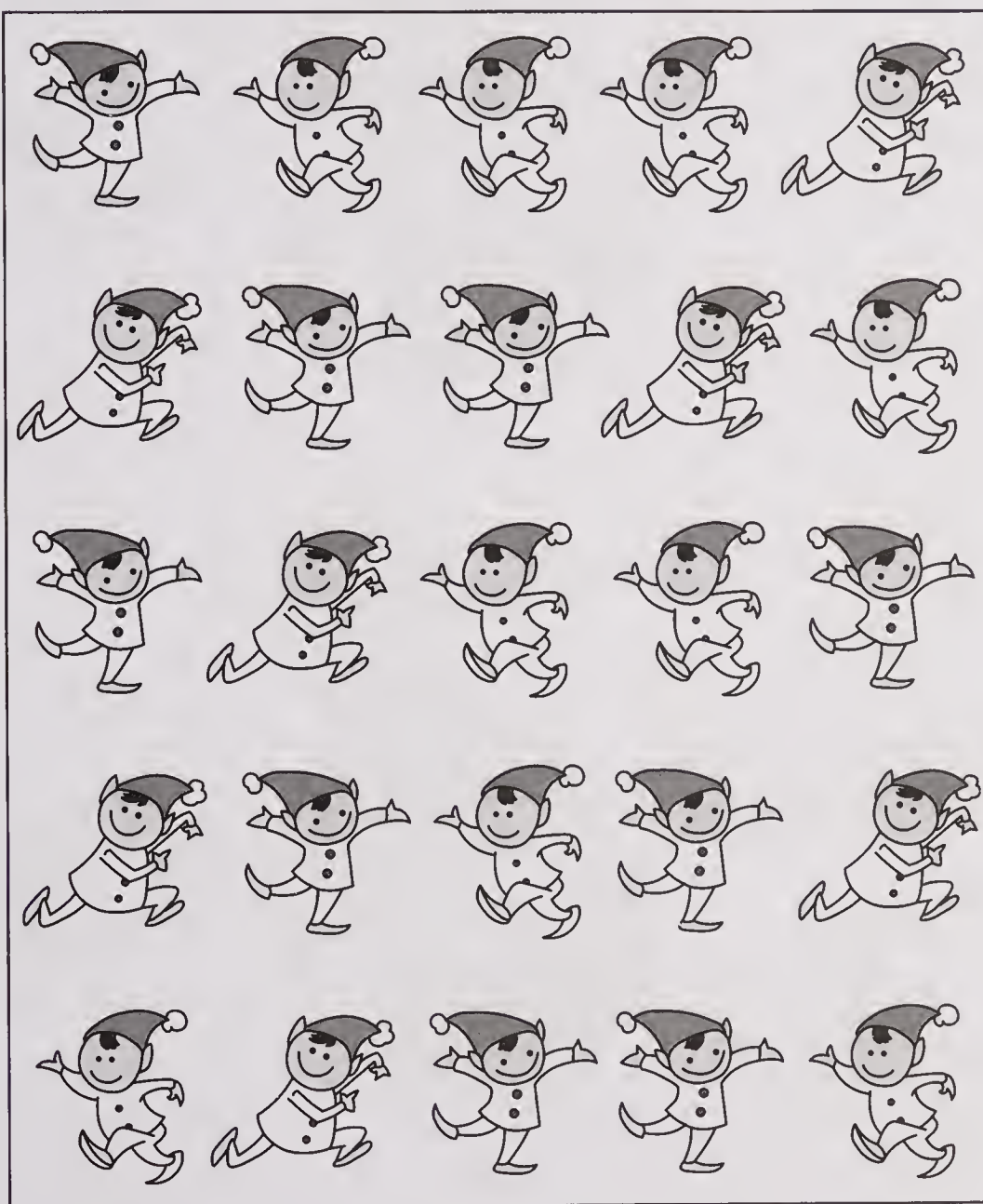
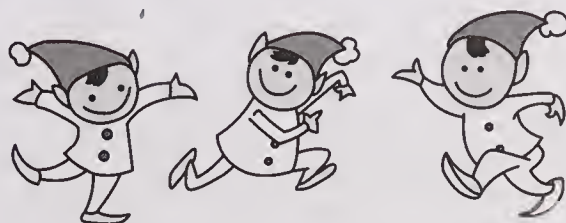
Here are some ringing bells. But one is not ringing quite the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!





NAUGHTY ELVES!

Look carefully at the order of these three naughty elves.
Can you find them in exactly the same order in the box? Search
from left to right, top to bottom and from the bottom upwards!



SANTA ON THE ROOF!



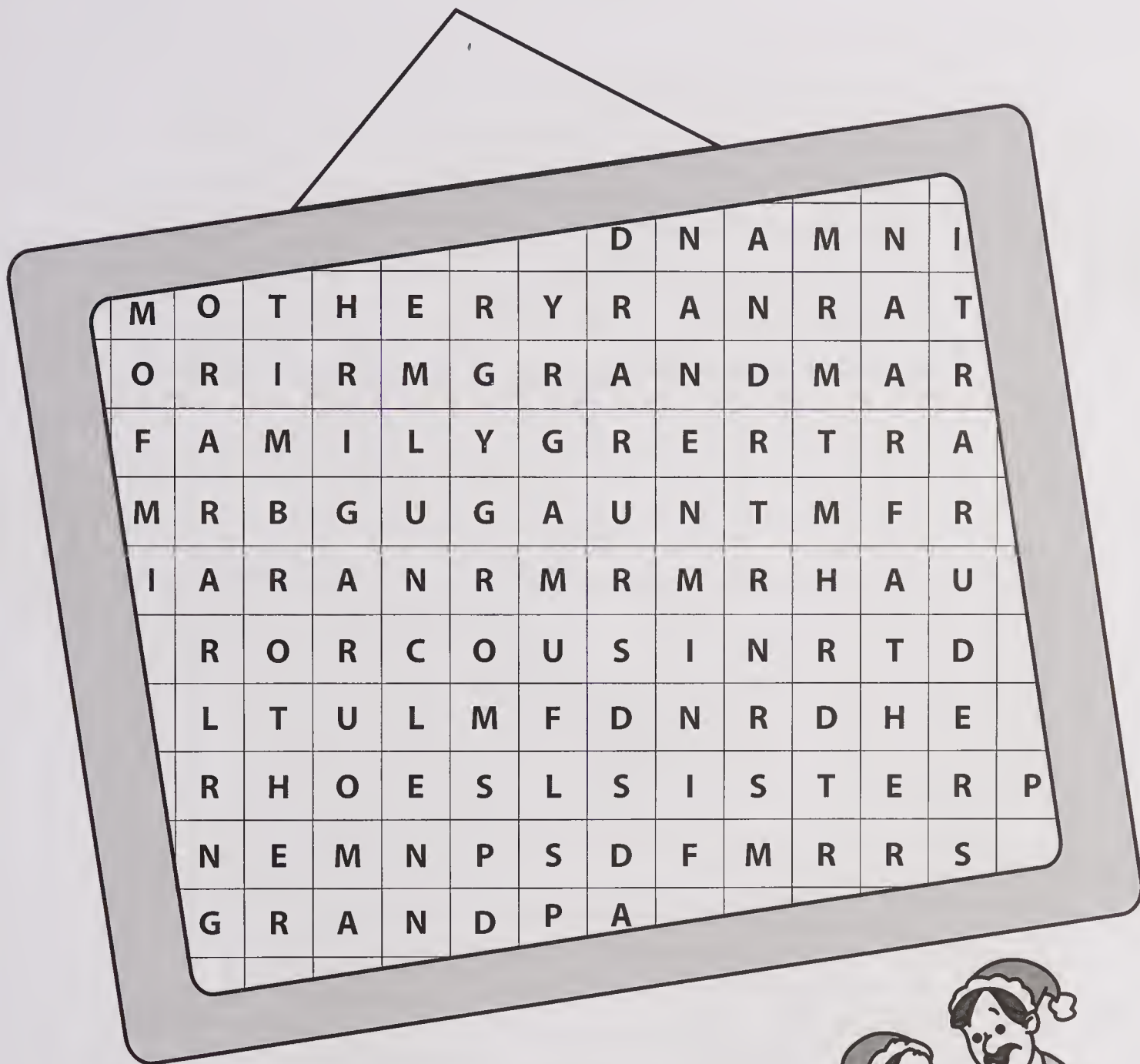
Here are two identical pictures of Santa climbing down the chimney...or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?





IT'S IN THE FAMILY!

Look at the words all to do with families. Find them all inside the family portrait hanging on the wall!

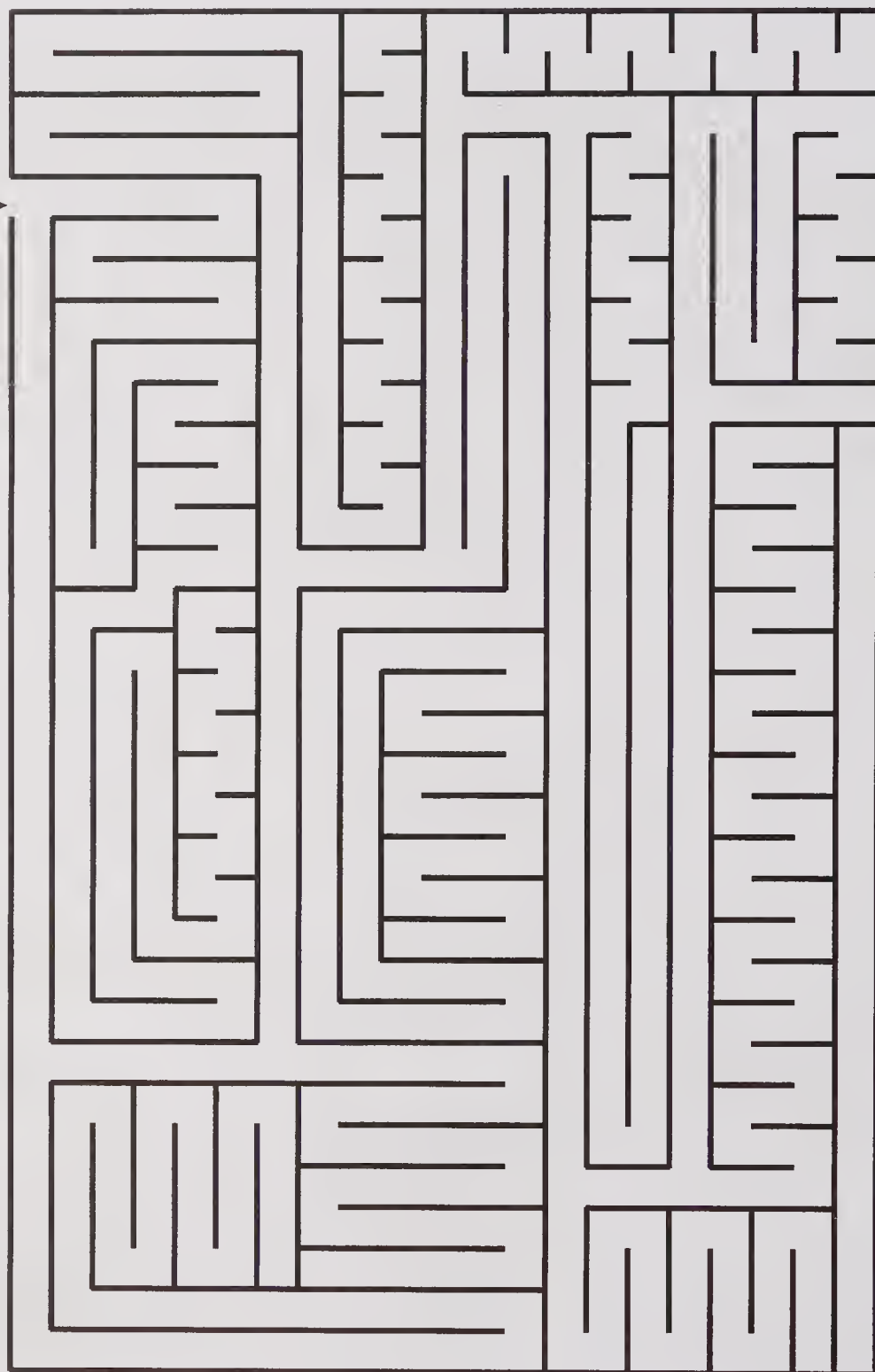


- Mother
- Father
- Grandpa
- Grandma
- Uncle
- Aunt
- Cousin
- Brother
- Sister
- Family



ELF HELP!

Poor elf! Santa's little helper has lost his way to the toy workshop. Help him reach it by taking the right path through this maze.





INSIDE THE TOY SHOP!

Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!



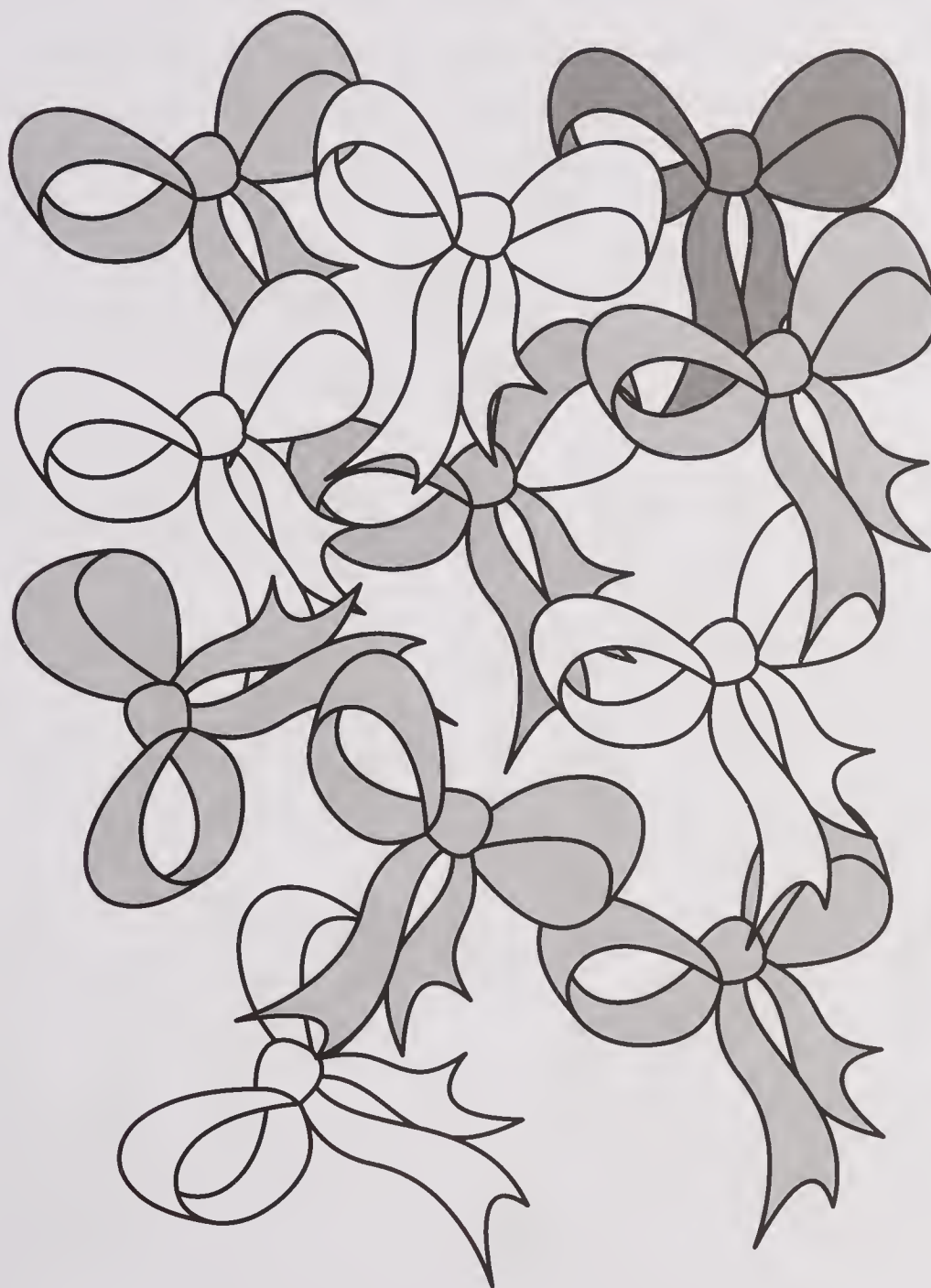
QUESTIONS

1. Are there baubles on the Christmas tree?
2. How many shelves of toys are there in the shop?
3. What is the little girl holding?
4. How many teddy bears are there in the shop display?
5. How many children are there?
6. What Christmas decoration is there on the door?
7. How many reindeer toys are there in the picture?
8. Are the children wearing mittens?



BOW WOW!

It's time to start wrapping those presents! But do you have enough bows? You'll have to count them all. There are lots that overlap so count carefully!





BAUBLE BEAUTY!

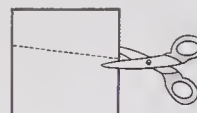
Would you like to make some baubles for the Christmas tree? They are really easy to make. All you need to do is follow these simple instructions and you'll soon have some to hang on the tree!



Here's what you will need:

- Round, plastic food container lid
- Glue
- Old newspaper
- Glitter and sequins in different colours
- Tinsel
- A hole punch
- A paintbrush

Here's how to do it



1

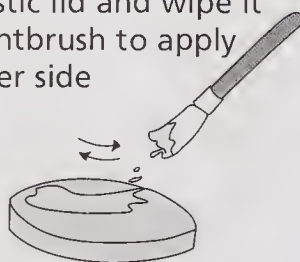
Cover the table with sheets of old newspaper to protect it.

2

Place the different glitters and sequins into separate dishes or bowls and pour some glue in a container (an old yoghurt pot is ideal).

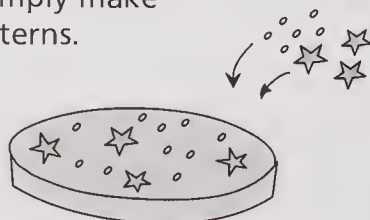
3

Take a clear plastic lid and wipe it clean. Use a paintbrush to apply glue on the outer side of the lid.



4

Sprinkle the glitter and sequins on to the lid. You can either use the glitter in a design you have in mind or simply make pretty patterns.



5

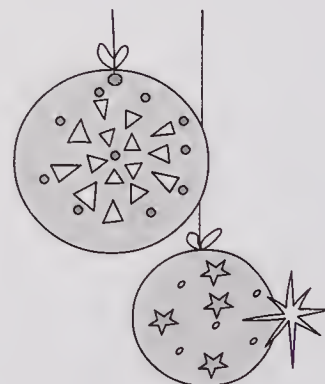
When dry, repeat the process with the other side. The glue will dry clear leaving the round lid bright and sparkly.

6

Use a holepunch to make a hole at the top of the lid and thread it with a piece of tinsel.

7

Your bauble is finished! Hang it in front of a window or near a light so that the glitter and sequins can sparkle!





TREE TIME!

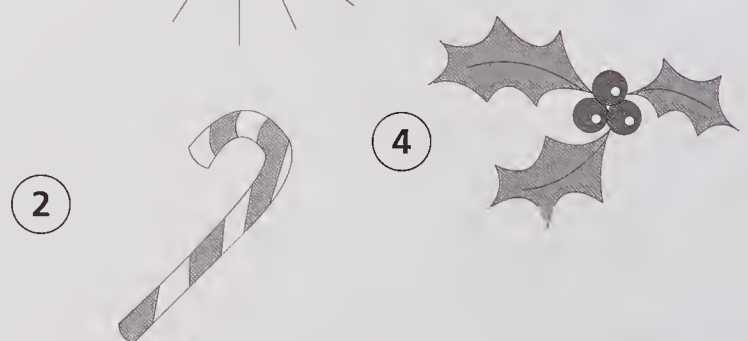
This Christmas tree has lots of different shapes in it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



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3

A simple line drawing of a reindeer head with antlers and a nose.





PICK A PRESENT!

Here are some pretty presents under the Christmas tree.
But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!



WORKSHOP WOES!

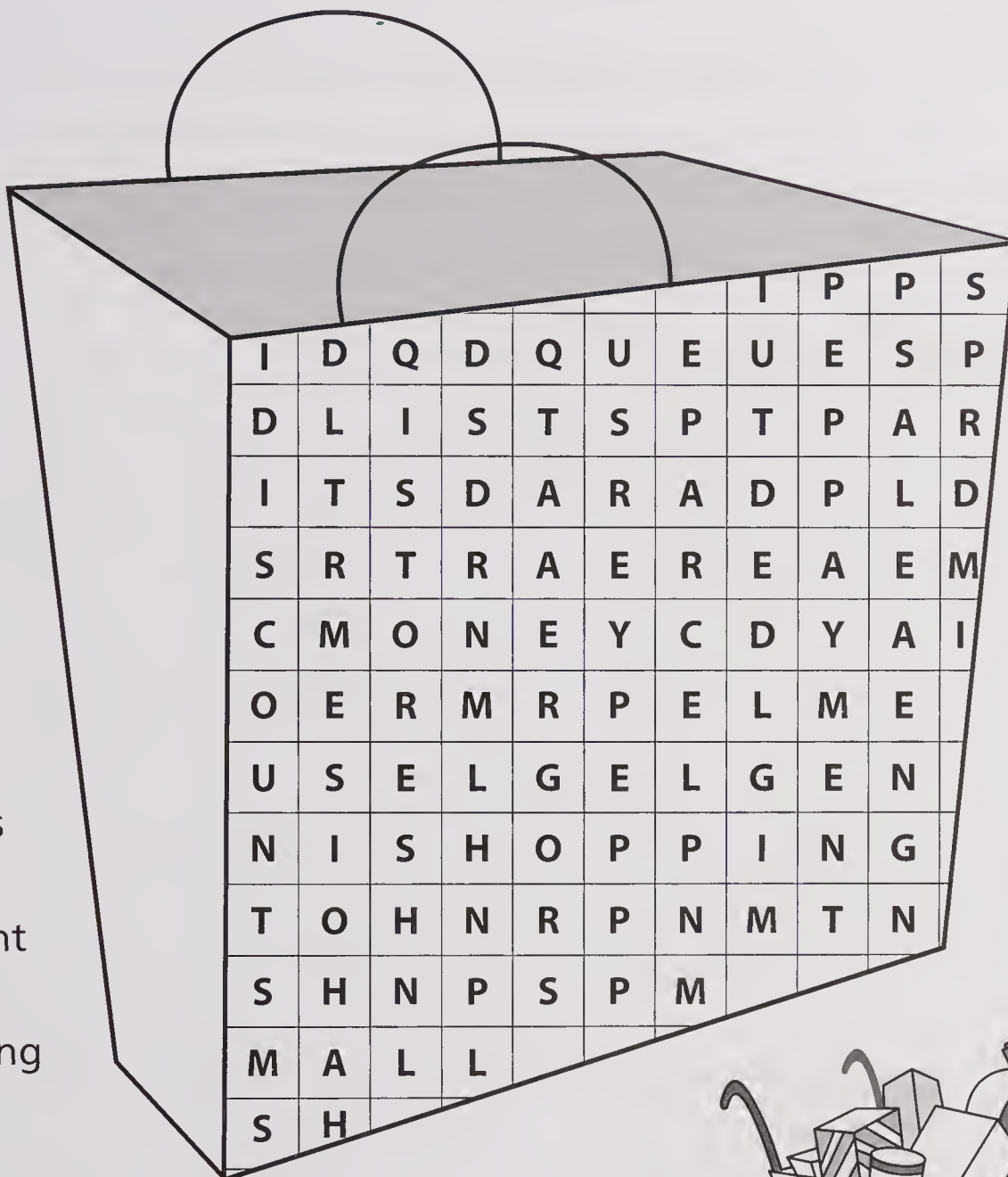
Here are two identical pictures of Santa's workshop...or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?





THE SHOPPING RUSH!

Look at the words all to do with Christmas shopping, then
find them all inside the bag!



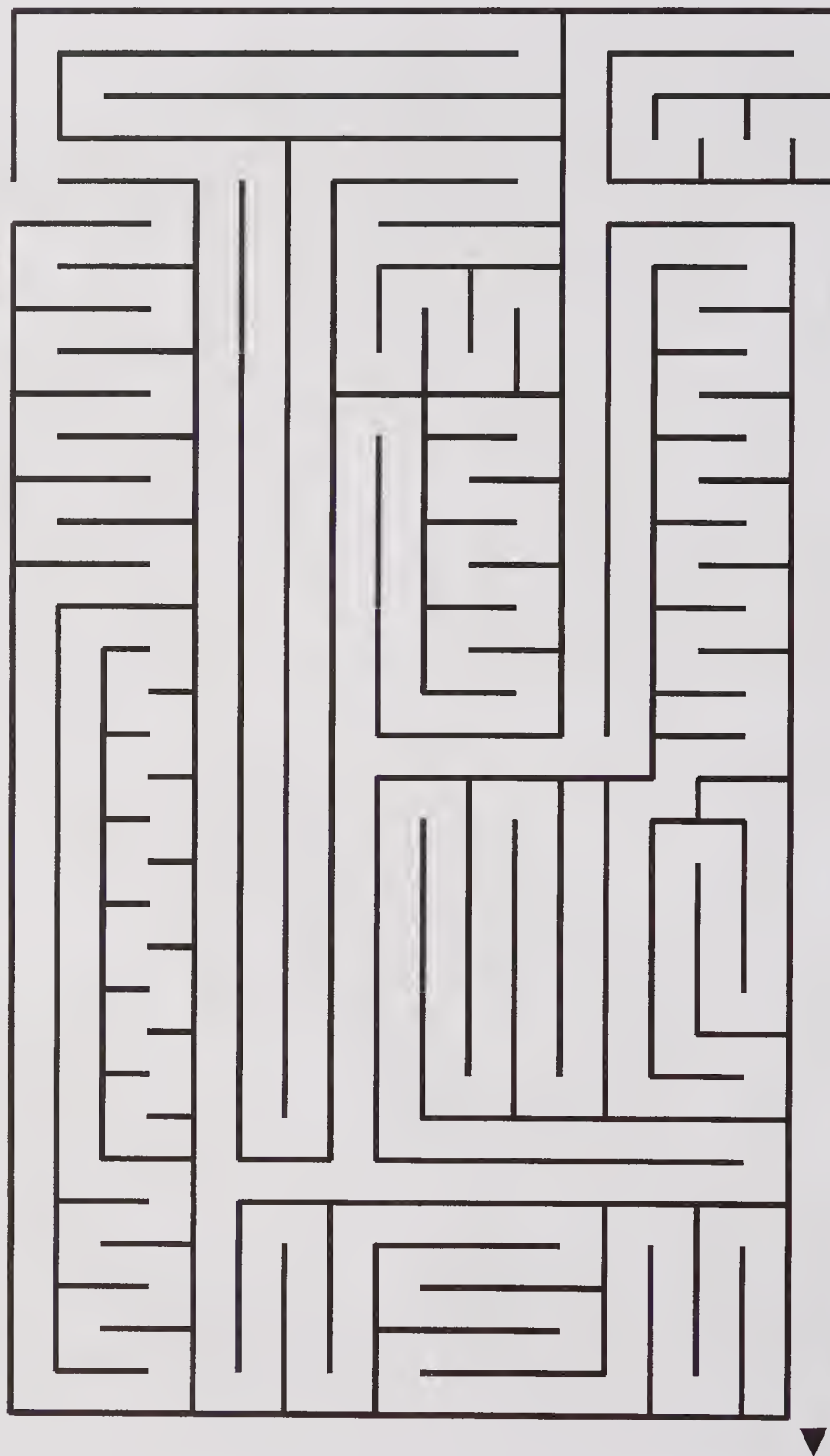
- Parcel
- Queues
- List
- Payment
- Sale
- Shopping
- Stores
- Money
- Discounts



DOLL-DRUMS!



Poor little Sally! She's lost the doll she was given for Christmas. Help her find it by taking the right route through this maze.





GINGERBREAD SNOWMEN!

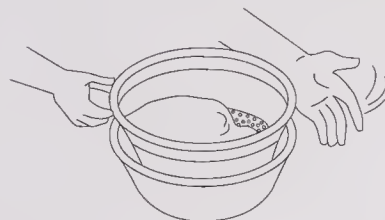
Make your gingerbread men festive...
by turning them into snowmen!

 Here's what you will need: 

- 100g (4oz) unsalted butter • 75g (3oz) dark muscovado sugar
- 4 tablespoons golden syrup • 300g (12oz) plain flour • 3 tablespoons icing sugar
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda • 2 teaspoon ground ginger

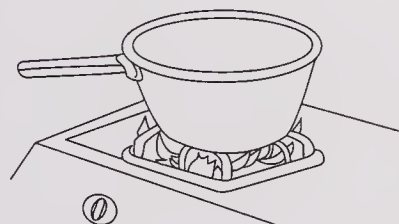
★ Here's how to do it ★

- 1** Sieve the flour, bicarbonate of soda and ground ginger into a mixing bowl.



- 2** Preheat the oven to 325°F, 170°C or gas mark 3, then line baking trays with greaseproof paper.*

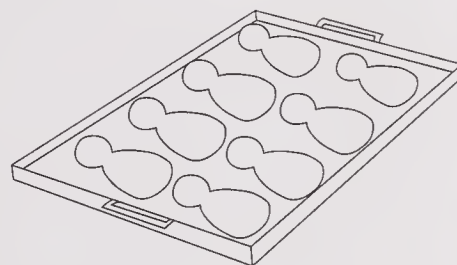
- 3** Melt the butter, sugar and syrup in a saucepan over a low heat, stirring occasionally and remove from heat*. Stir the melted ingredients into the dry ingredients you sieved earlier to make a stiff dough.



- 4** Place the dough on a lightly floured surface and roll to a thickness of about 5mm. Dip your snowman-shaped biscuit cutters into the dough, making snowman shapes.



- 5** Place the snowmen on the lined baking trays and bake for 9-10 minutes until light golden brown.



- 6** When they are cooked and still warm, use a chopstick to make a hole near the top of each snowman. Now you can hang up the biscuits with ribbon!



- 7** When completely cool, you can mix some icing sugar with a little water to make a thick paste. Use this icing to decorate the gingerbread snowmen, making funny faces and giving them scarves and buttons!



* Ask an adult to help you with this

READY FOR CHRISTMAS!



Let's make Santa's sack colourful! Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture using the number key as a guide.

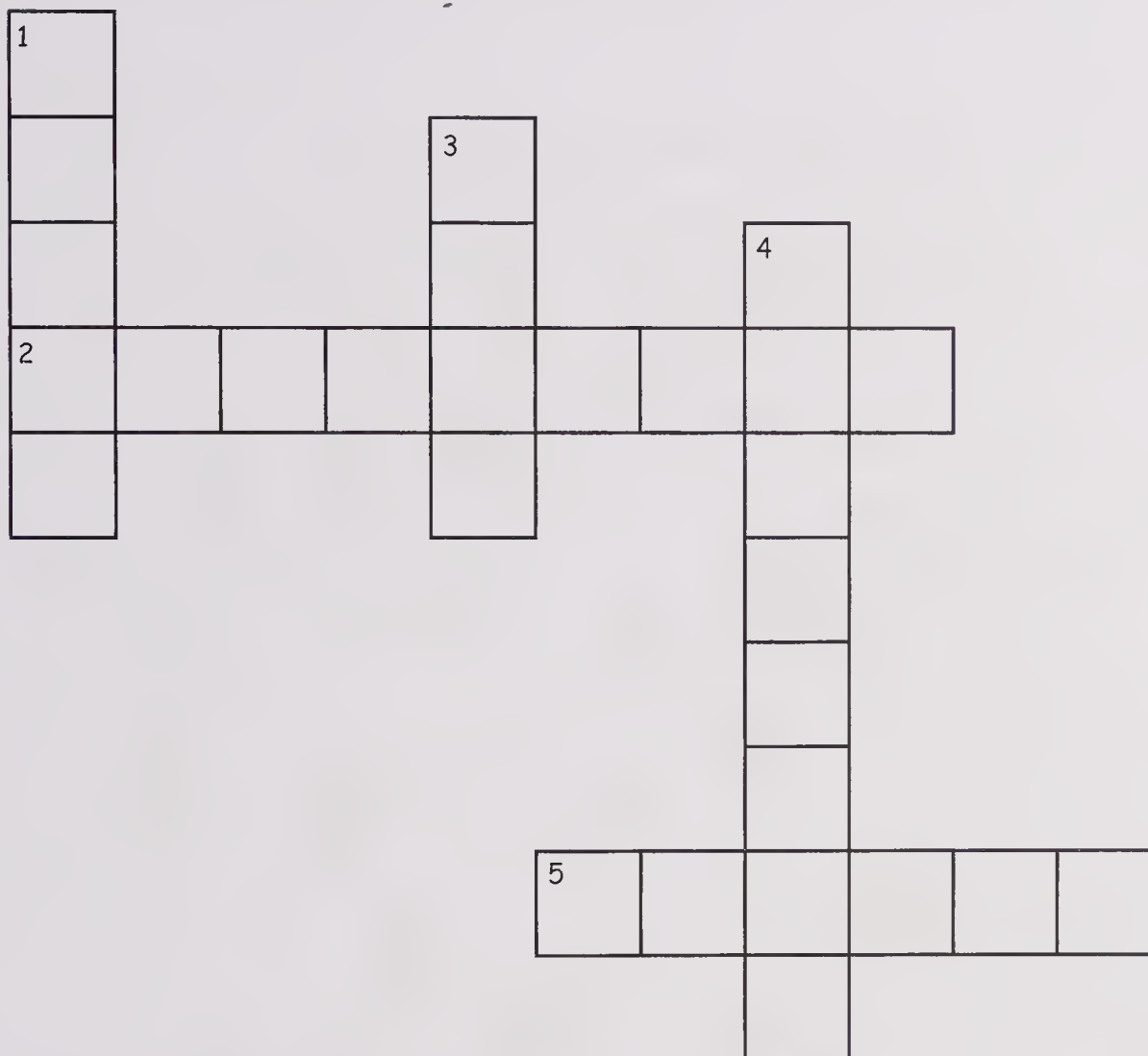
- 1 - Red
- 2 - Yellow
- 3 - Light Green
- 4 - Black
- 5 - Pink
- 6 - Dark Blue
- 7 - Dark Green
- 8 - Light Brown
- 9 - Dark Brown
- 10 - Orange





WHO AM I?

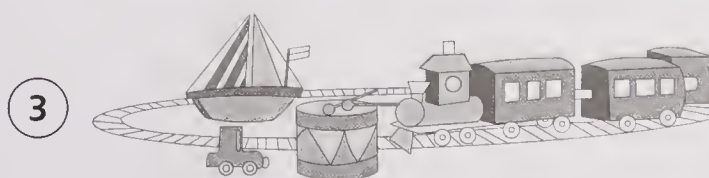
How good are you at guessing Christmas words from pictures?
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SAY CHEESE!



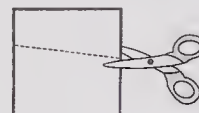
Christmas is a great time for taking pictures, so how about making some special photo ornaments for the Christmas tree? They are really easy to make. Just follow these simple instructions and have fun!



Here's what you will need:

- Clear Christmas baubles with removable tops
- Personal photographs
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Colourful ribbons

Here's how to do it



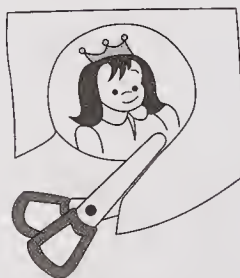
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Start by taking the tops off the baubles.



2

Cut a picture about the same diameter as the bauble.



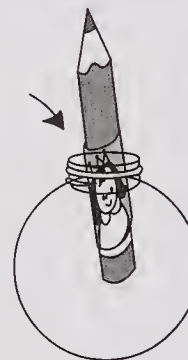
3

Wrap it around a pencil with the photo side out.



4

Slip the pencil with the picture wrapped around it into the bauble.



5

Once inside, straighten out the picture in the middle of the bauble. Tie a colourful ribbon around the top and put the top back on. Now you can see lots of smiling faces to spread the festive cheer!





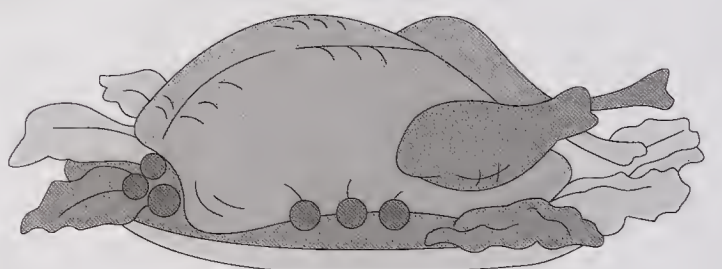
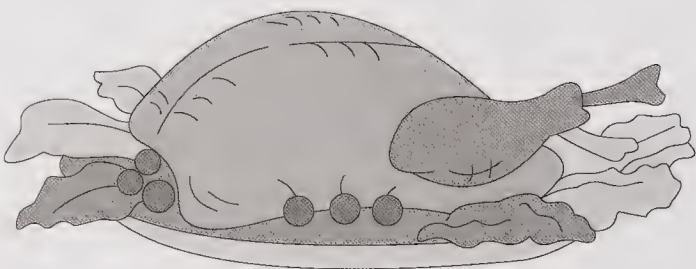
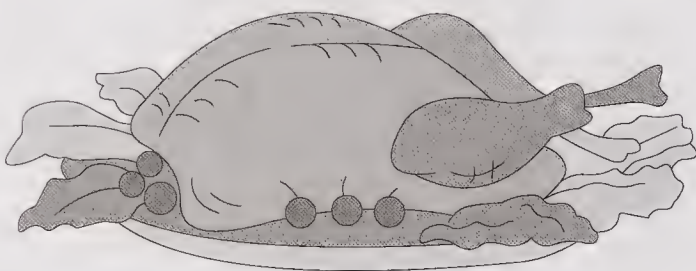
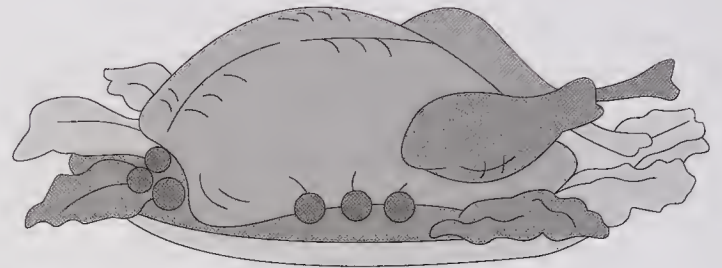
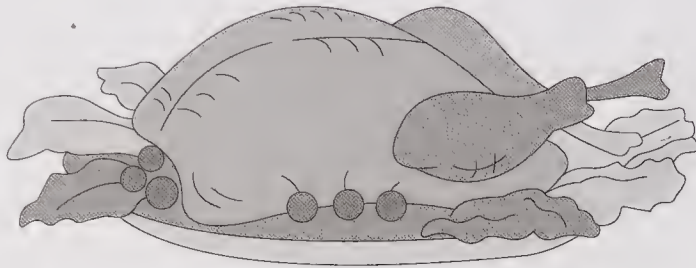
PAPER PATTERN!

The wrapping paper on this gift has lots of different shapes on it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



TURKEY TEST!

Look at the turkey feast laid out on the dinner table!
But one of these prime turkeys is not the same
as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!





TREE TEST!

Look carefully at the order of these Christmas trees.
Can you find them in exactly the same order in the box? Search
from left to right, top to bottom and from the bottom upwards!





PARTY PEOPLE!

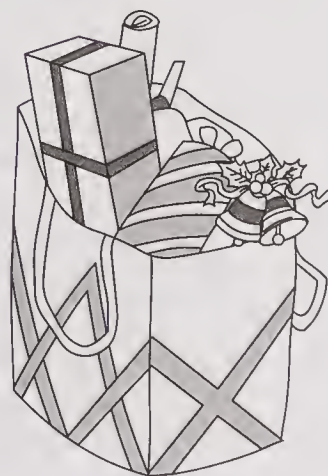
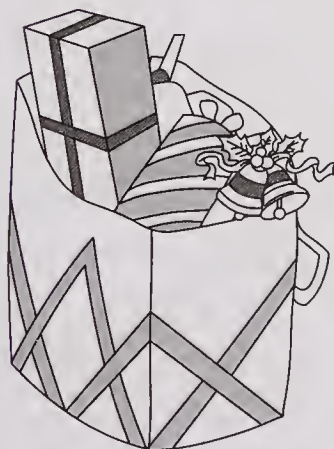
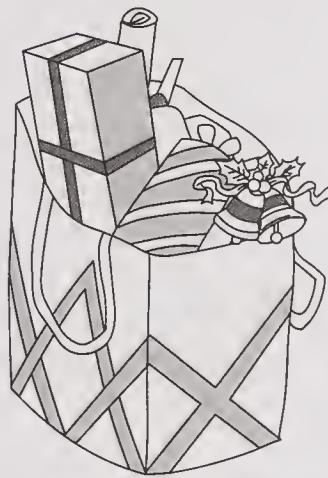
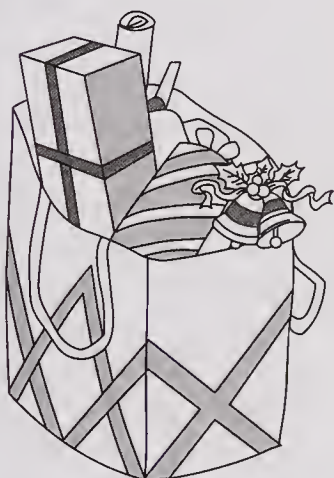
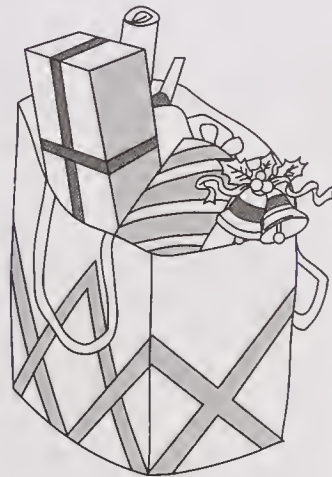
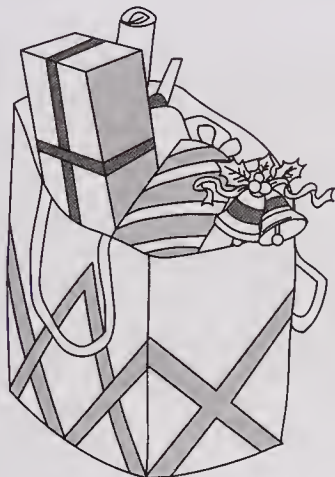
Here are two identical pictures of a Christmas family party...or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?





WHICH GIFT?

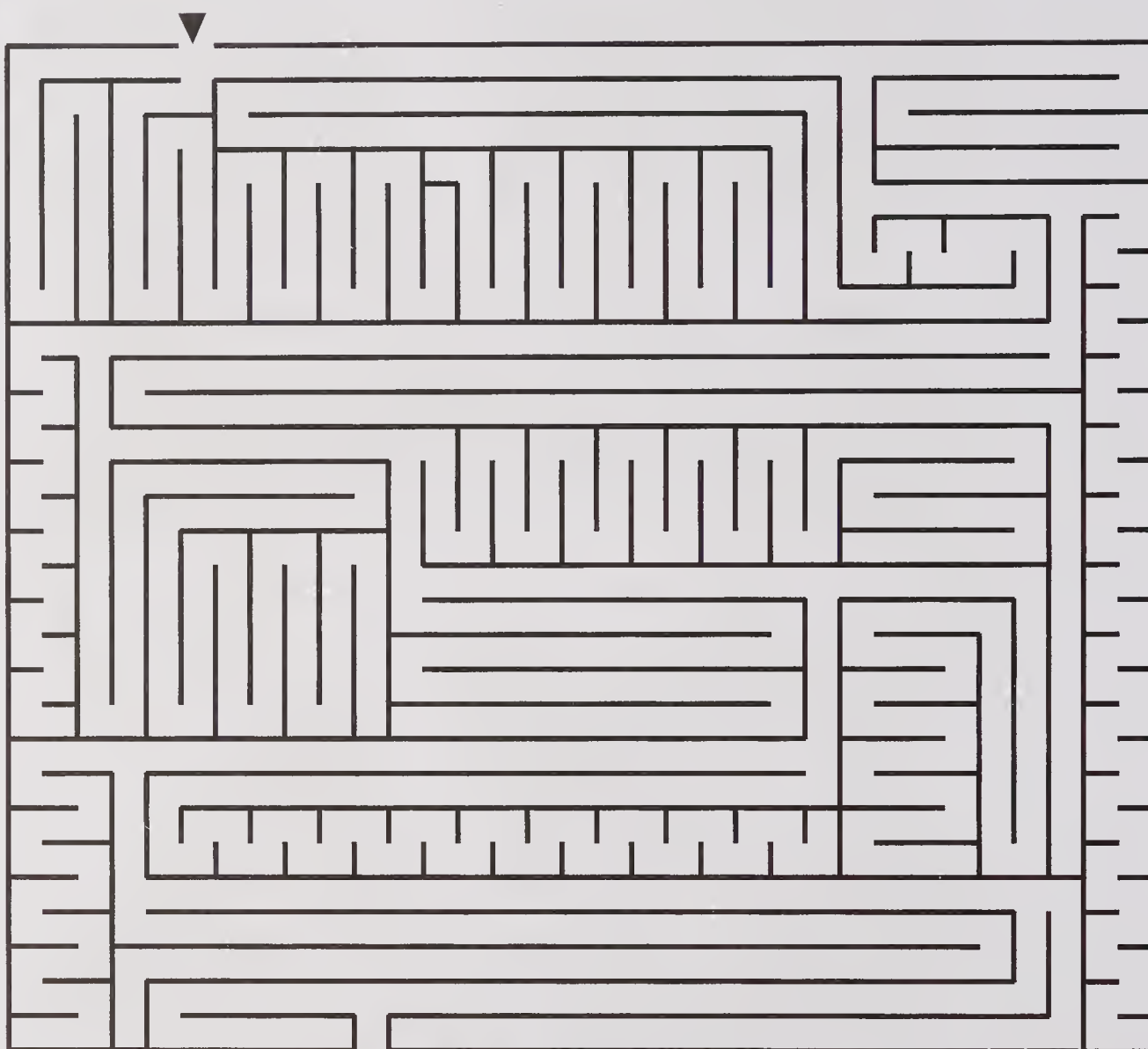
These gift bags are bursting with exciting-looking presents!
But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!



STOP HIM!



The gingerbread man is running away!
Help the old woman catch him by finding the
right path through this maze.

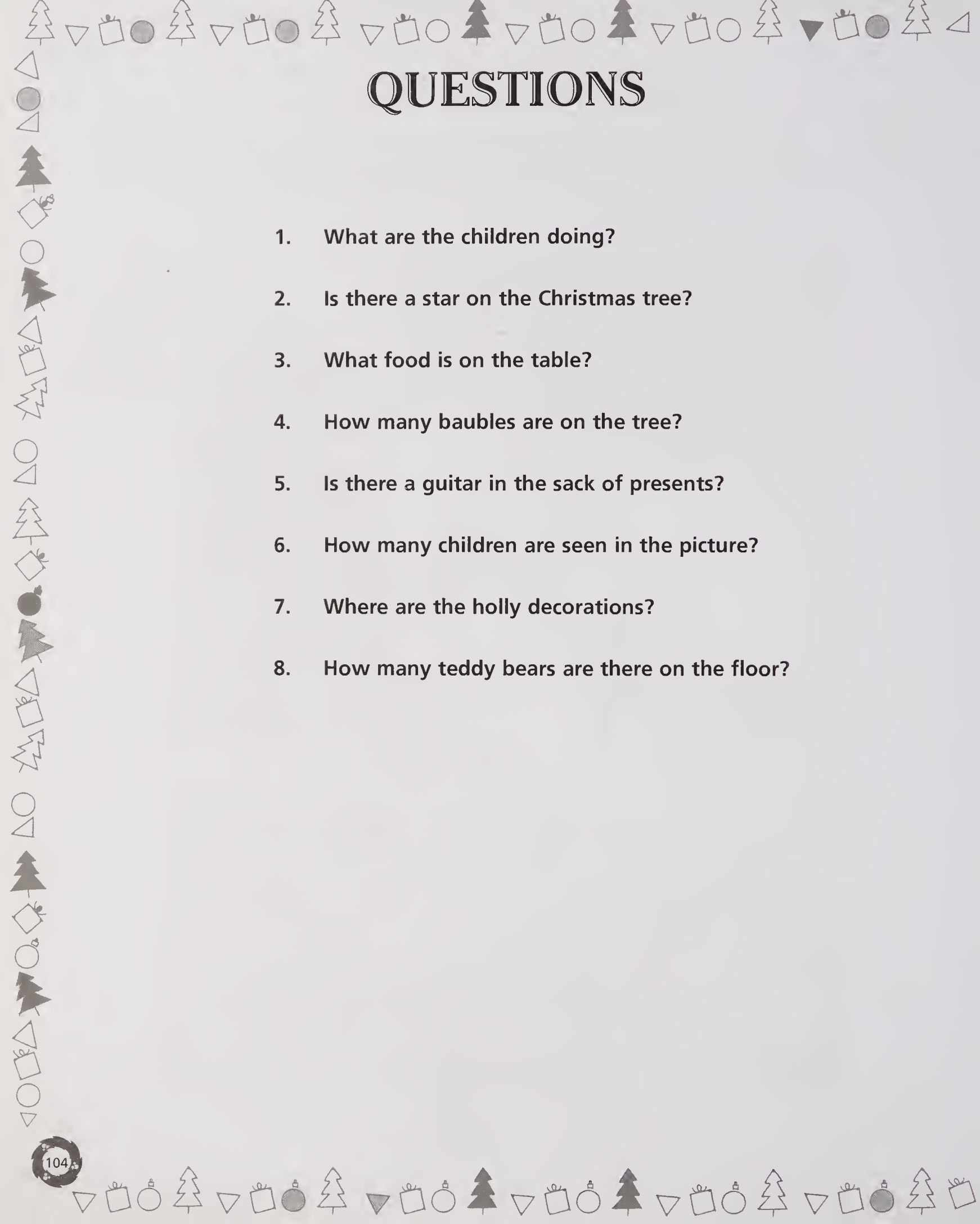




CHRISTMAS VISIT!

Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!





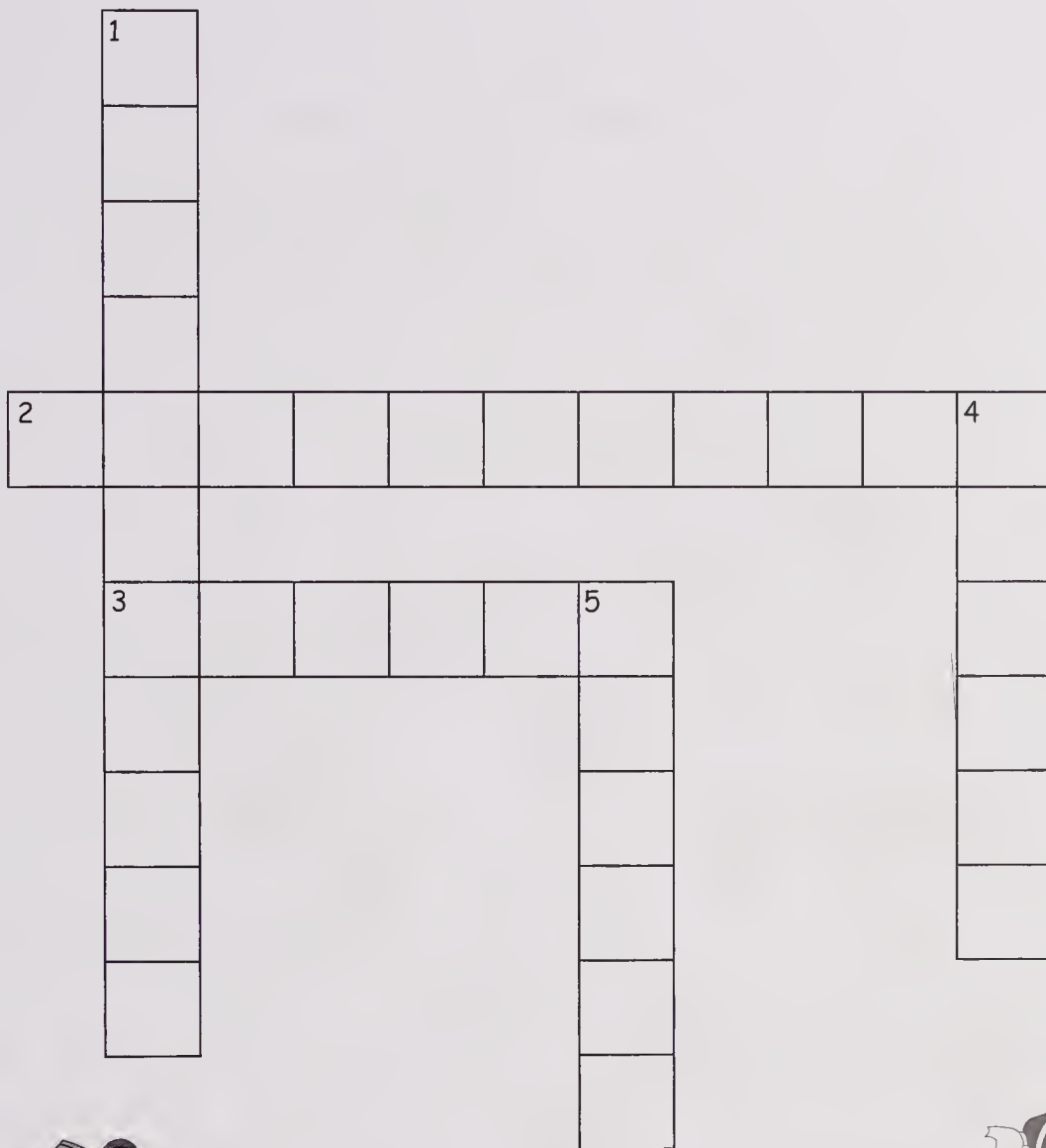
QUESTIONS

1. What are the children doing?
2. Is there a star on the Christmas tree?
3. What food is on the table?
4. How many baubles are on the tree?
5. Is there a guitar in the sack of presents?
6. How many children are seen in the picture?
7. Where are the holly decorations?
8. How many teddy bears are there on the floor?



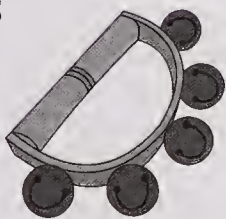
TRICK PICS!

How good are you at guessing Christmas words from pictures?
Work out the words for the picture clues then complete the crossword!



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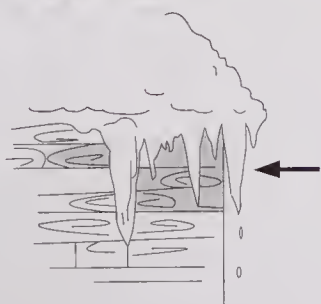
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STAINED GLASS!

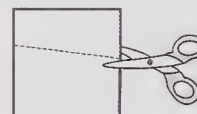
Follow these easy instructions and make your own stained-glass Christmas decorations!



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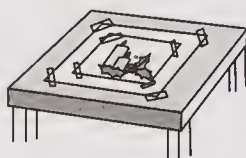
- Permanent markers with pointed tips
- White paper
- Aluminium foil
- A paper plate
- Plastic cling film
- Ribbon
- Sheets of paper
- Sticky tape
- A table to lean on

Here's how to do it



1

Draw a Christmas picture, such as bells, angels, candles, trees, etc on a sheet of paper. Place it on the centre of a table.



2

Take some plastic cling film and wrap the table over the pattern. Make sure the cling film is the same size as the paper plate.

3

Be sure that the drawing is centered under the cling film, and stretch the film slightly so that it is smooth and taut. Remember, if the film is loose, it will be hard to draw on.

4

Trace over the picture with coloured permanent markers, colouring it in as you go. Take care to press gently with the markers so you don't damage the cling film.

5

Lightly crumple the aluminium foil then smooth it out over the back of the plate. Wrap the extra foil around the other side of the plate.



6

Carefully remove the plastic wrap from the table.

7

Turn the wrap over so that the coloured side is facing down. Place it in the centre of the foil-covered side of the paper plate. Wrap the excess plastic wrap around the back and tape it in place.

8

To hang the ornament, take a piece of ribbon and tape it in a loop to the back of the plate.





FANTASTIC FLAKE!

This unique snowflake has lots of different shapes within it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?





CHOCOLATE GIFTS!

Add a personal touch to your gifts by giving your friends specially wrapped handmade chocolates. Yum!



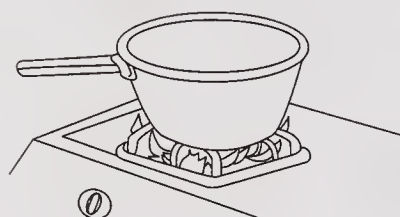
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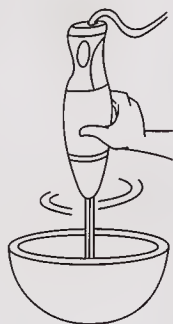
- 200g (8oz) finely chopped dark chocolate
- 125g (5oz) whipping cream
- A few tablespoons of cocoa powder

★ Here's how to do it ★

- 1** Pour the whipping cream into a heavy saucepan and wait for it to boil.* When it does, remove from the heat and pour into a mixing bowl.



- 2** Beat the chocolate into the cream using a whisk or electric blender. Beat until the mixture is smooth and all chocolate has melted.



- 3** Chill in the fridge until firm for about 1–3 hours.

- 4** When the mixture has cooled and is hard to the touch, scrape the surface with a melon ball cutter or a teaspoon. When you have a small amount of chocolate, use your fingers to shape it into a small ball.



- 5** Dip the balls into a bowl of cocoa powder, covering them evenly. Place on a plate when done.



- 6** When all the chocolates are made, wrap them in colourful cellophane or plastic wrappers and tie with ribbons. Your chocolates are now ready to be given away. Remember to keep them in the fridge, though!

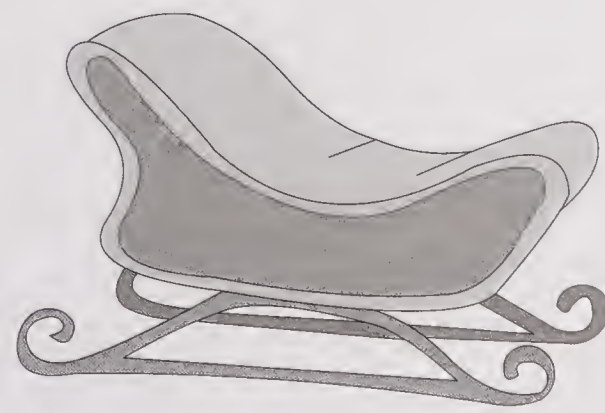
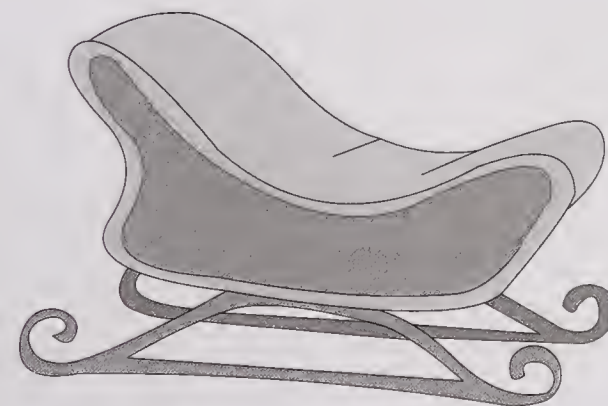
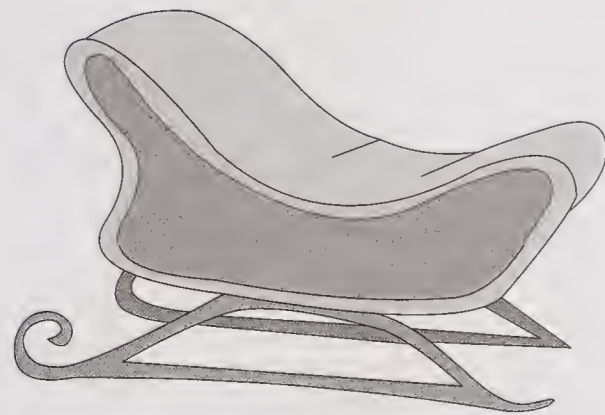
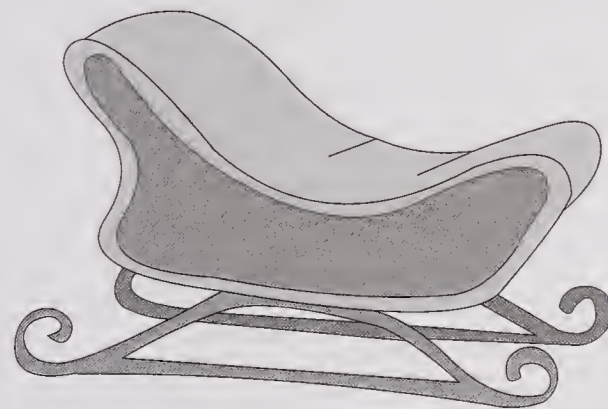
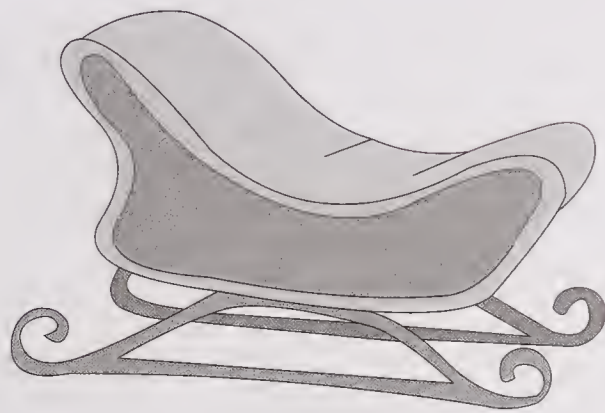
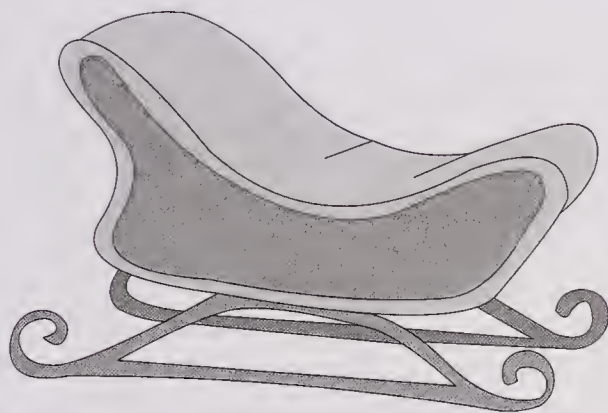


* Ask an adult to help you with this



SPLENDID SLED!

Look at these identical sleds. But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!





KITCHEN CLONES!

Here are two identical pictures...or are they?

There are six differences between the two.

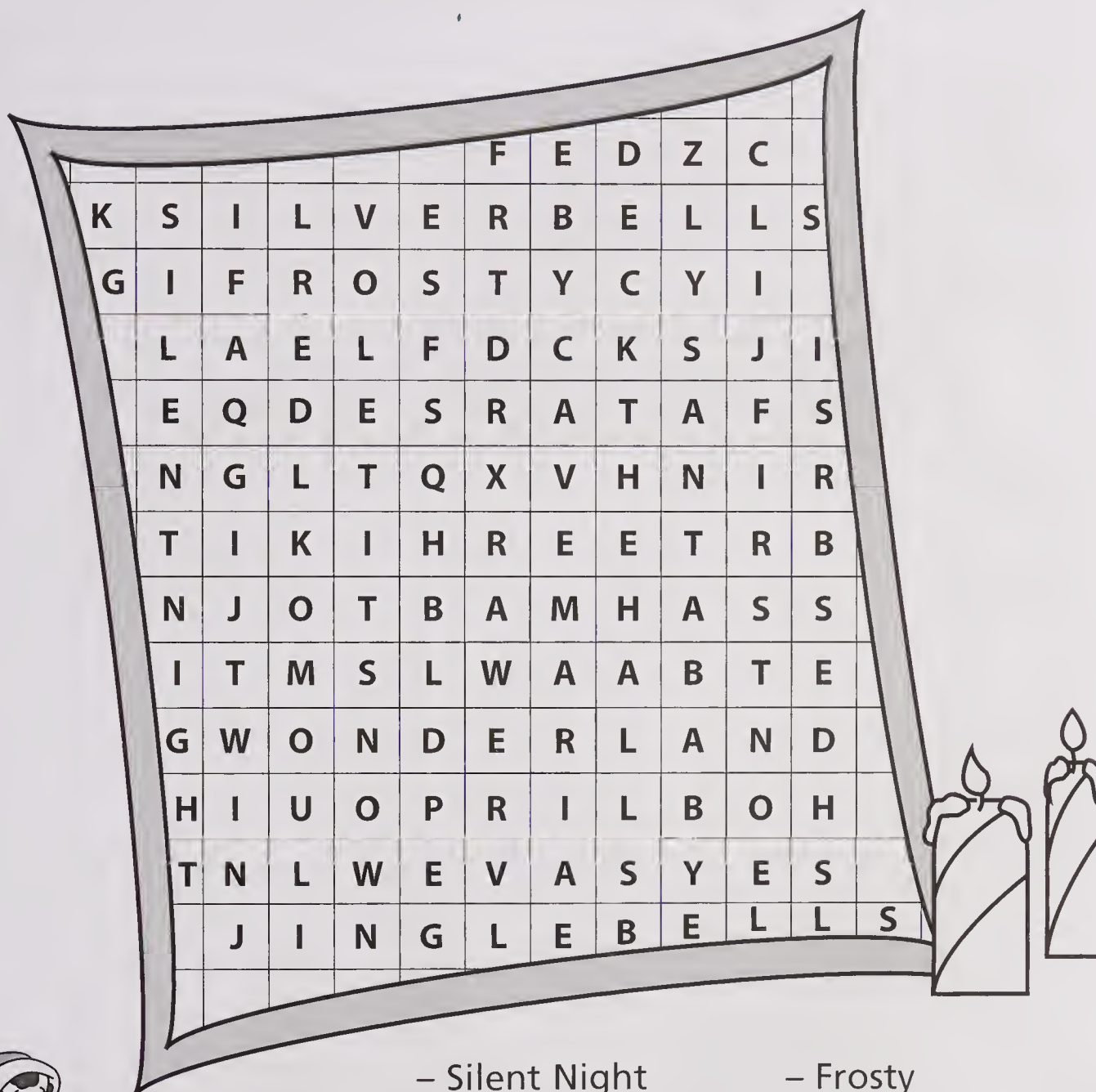
Can you spot them all?





FIND THE SONG!

Look at the list of favourite Christmas carols and find them in the grid. Try singing while you search!

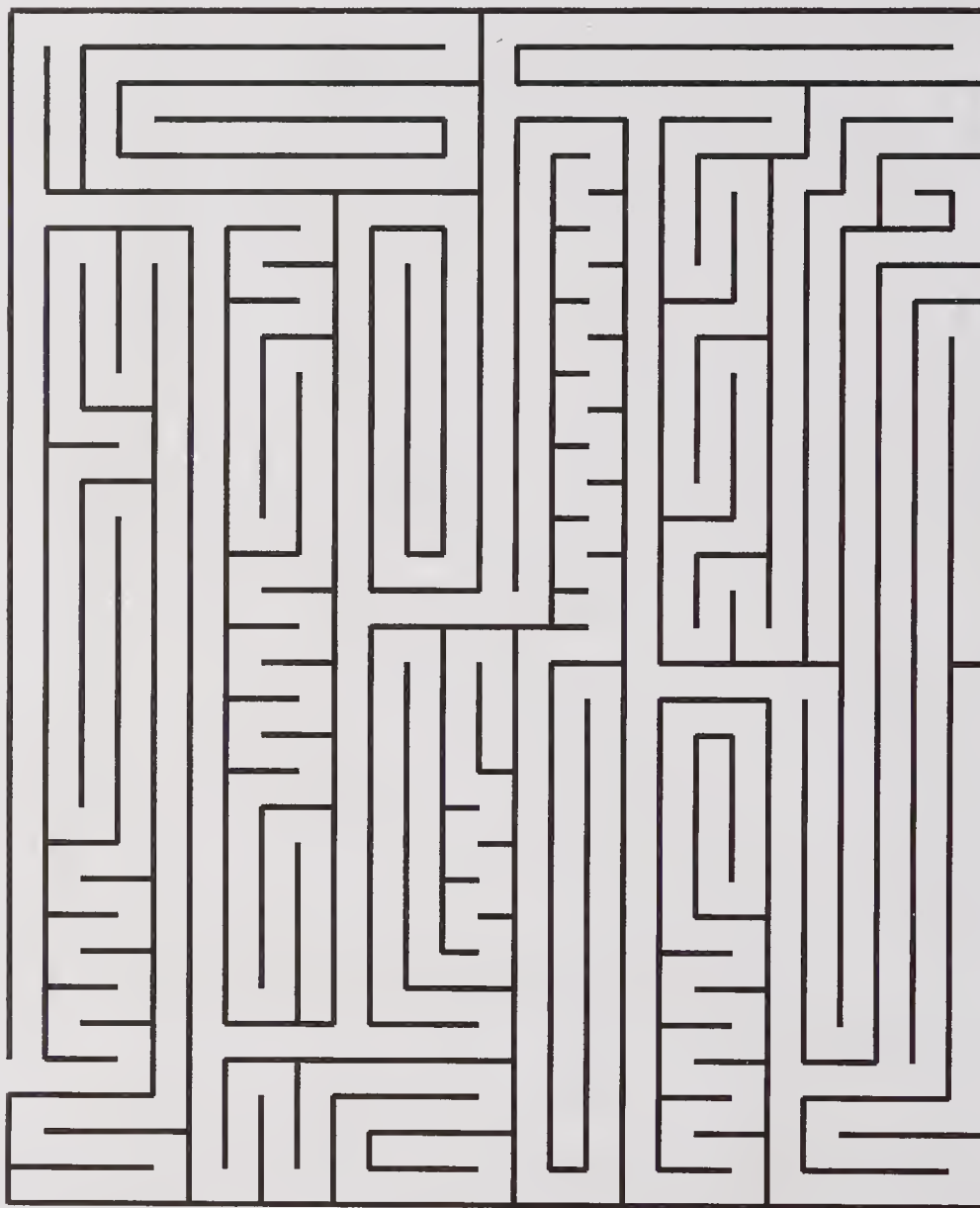


- Silent Night
- Wonderland
- Let it snow
- First Noel
- Deck the Halls
- Frosty
- Jingle Bells
- Santa Baby
- Ave Maria
- Silver Bells

TAKE SANTA HOME!



Have you been good this year?
This boy has! Help Santa reach his house by
finding the path through this maze.





CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!





QUESTIONS



1. How many street lamps do you see?
 2. What are the children doing?
 3. Which animal is on the street?
 4. What will the children collect money in?
 5. What is the time?
 6. Are there balloons in the shop window?
 7. Who is wearing a checkered scarf?
 8. What are the children holding?
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JINGLE ALL THE WAY!

Santa is off on his way! Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture using the number key as a guide. Start colouring to see how lovely the Christmas night is!

- 1 – Red
- 2 – Light Brown
- 3 – Light Blue
- 4 – Orange
- 5 – Dark Blue
- 6 – Light Yellow
- 7 – Dark Brown
- 8 – Light Green





MAKE A SANTA CARD!

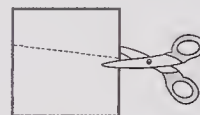
How would you like to make a Santa card for someone special? It is really easy to make. All you need to do is follow these simple instructions!



Here's what you will need:

- A sheet of thin red card
- Glue
- Coloured pencils
- Cotton wool
- Scissors

Here's how to do it



1

Fold the card in half. Draw a Santa face on to it, with the top of the hat on the fold. Cut along the outer lines to make the card.

2

Apply glue to the chin and cheeks and stick cotton wool to make the beard! Also add cotton wool along the hat band.



3

Draw and colour in the eyes, nose and other features. Glue cotton wool above the eyes to make eyebrows, too!

4

Roll cotton wool into a sausage shape then twist it in the middle to make his moustache. Glue the moustache underneath his nose. Your Santa card is ready as soon as the glue dries!





BAUBLE BREAK!

This shiny bauble has lots of different shapes in it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



CHAIN REACTION!



How well can you mime and explain something through actions rather than words? Find out by playing this game with your friends!

Number of Players : Five or more.

Materials Required : None.

Object of the Game : To work out what the first player was thinking of.

1

All players stand in a line looking in the same direction.

2

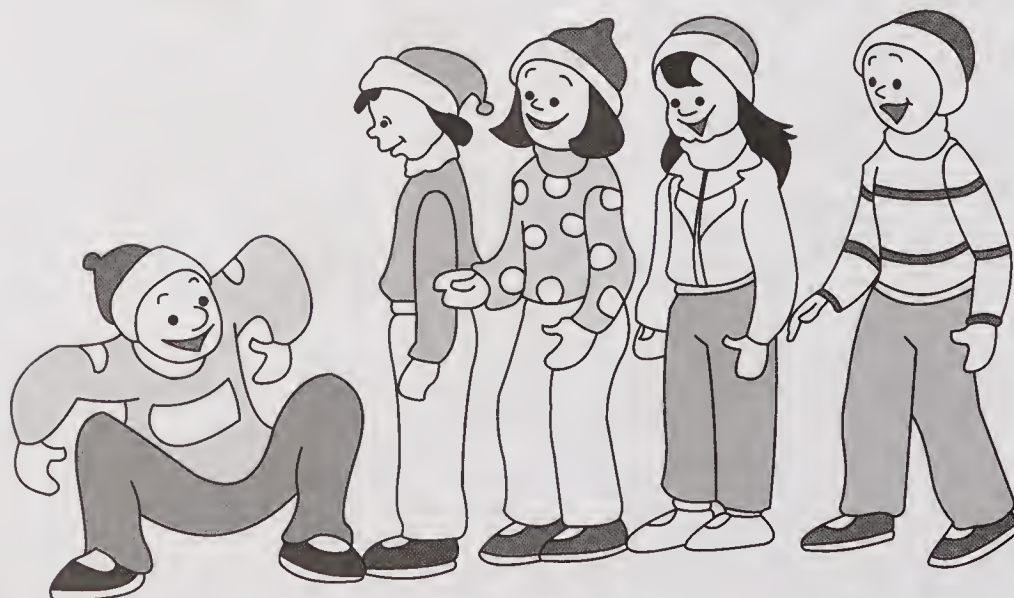
The first person in line turns around and mimes something typical of the Christmas season. This could be Santa sliding down the chimney, decorating the tree, or the reindeer pulling the sleigh!

3

Your neighbour then turns round and repeats your mime, facial expressions and gestures to the third player in line and so on. This process of imitation is repeated until it is the turn of the last player standing in line.

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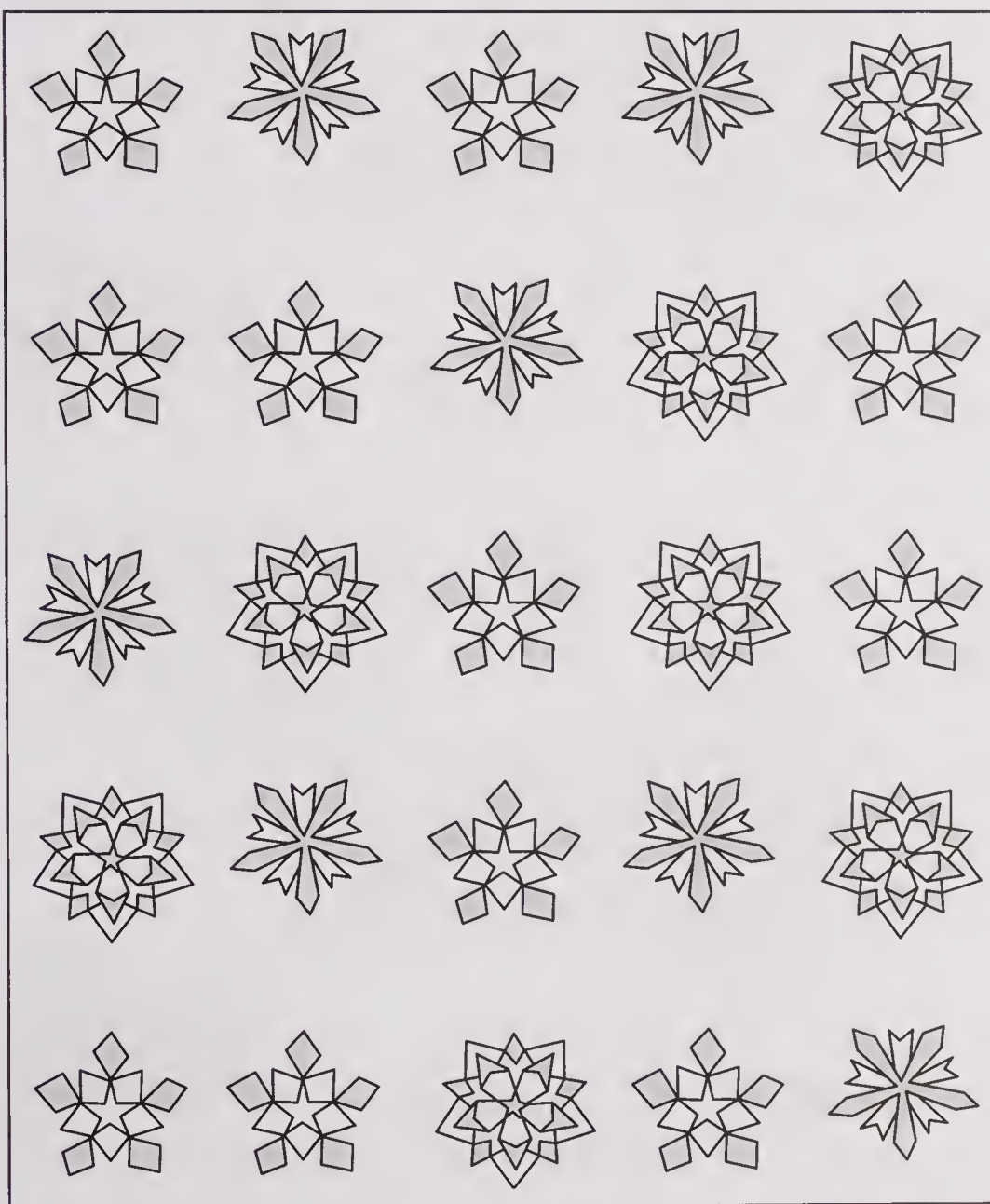
The last person has to guess what the first player in line was trying to communicate. The person who has just made a guess then moves to the top of the line and performs a new mime. This game is guaranteed to be very funny!





SNOWFLAKE SERIES!

Look carefully at the order of the three snowflakes.
Can you find them in exactly the same order in the box? Search
from left to right, top to bottom and from the bottom upwards!



ALL WRAPPED UP!



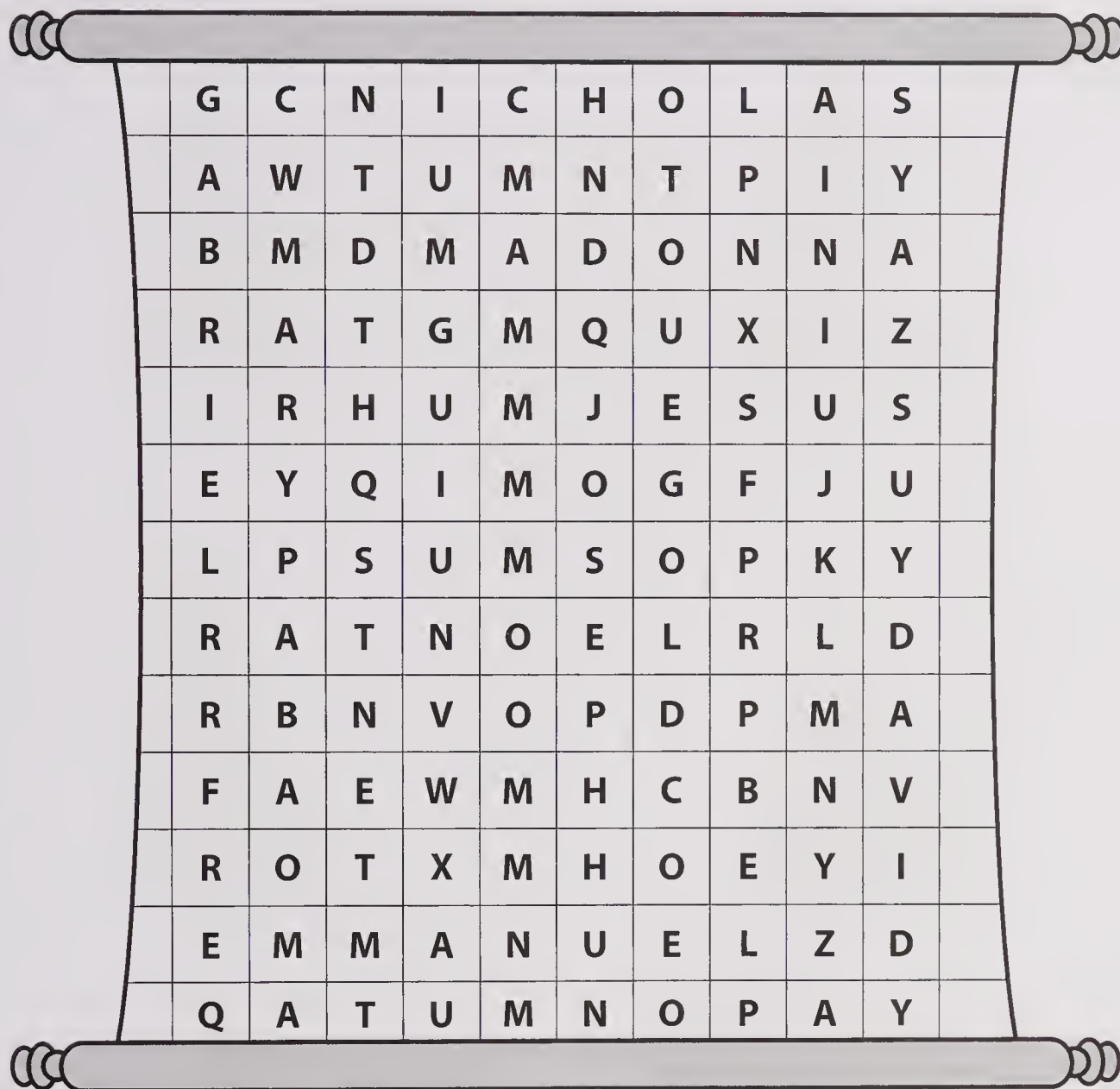
Here are two identical pictures of a family wrapping their Christmas presents...or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?





WHO'S WHO?

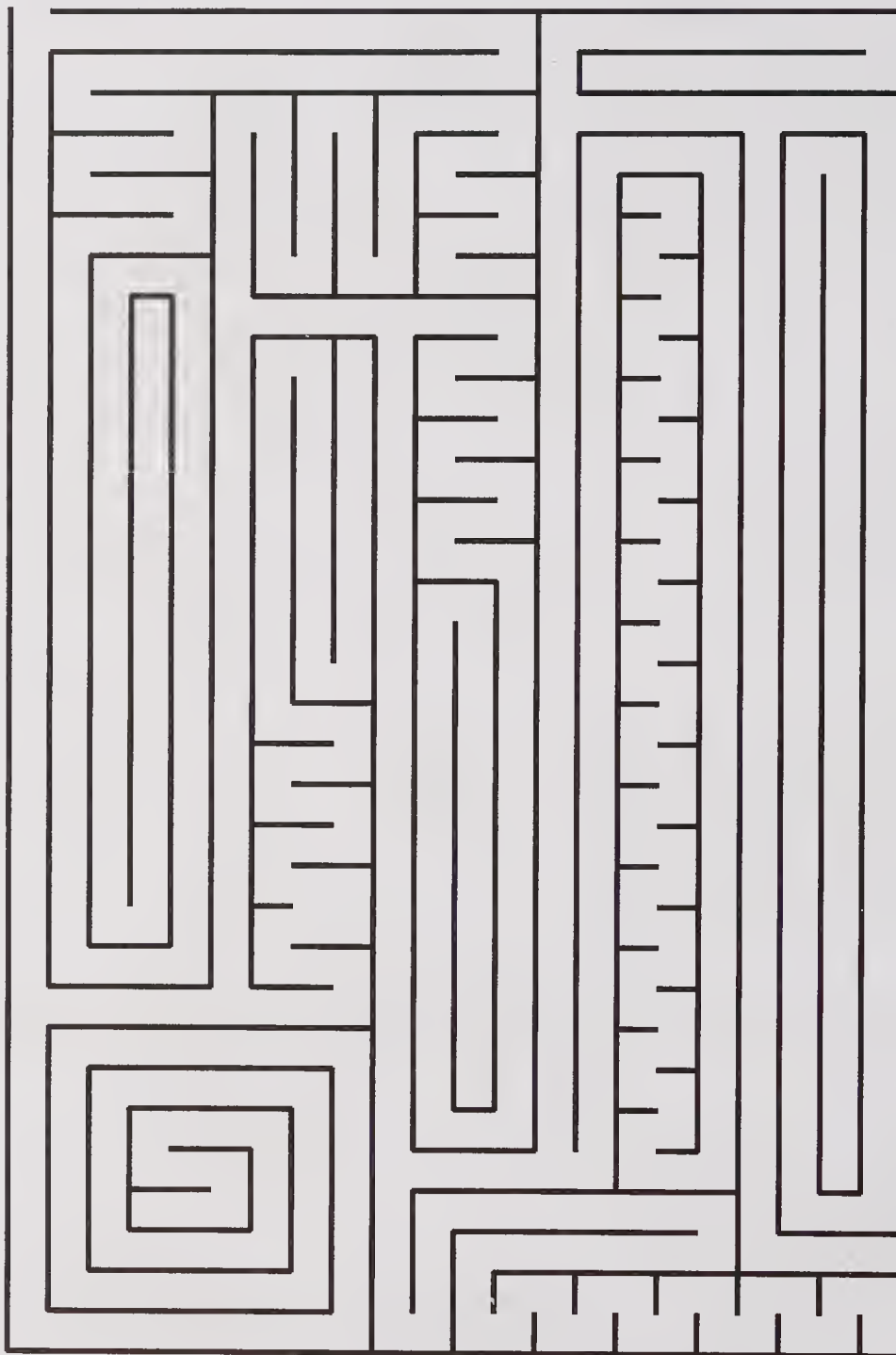
Look at the list of seasonal names and then find them in the puzzle.



- Mary
- Nicholas
- Joseph
- Noel
- Madonna
- Gabriel
- David
- Jesus
- Emmanuel

SPOON FEEDING!

The tasty Christmas pudding is ready to be eaten! Take the spoon to it by finding the right route through this maze.





WHICH TREE IS IT?

Look at these identical trees. But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!

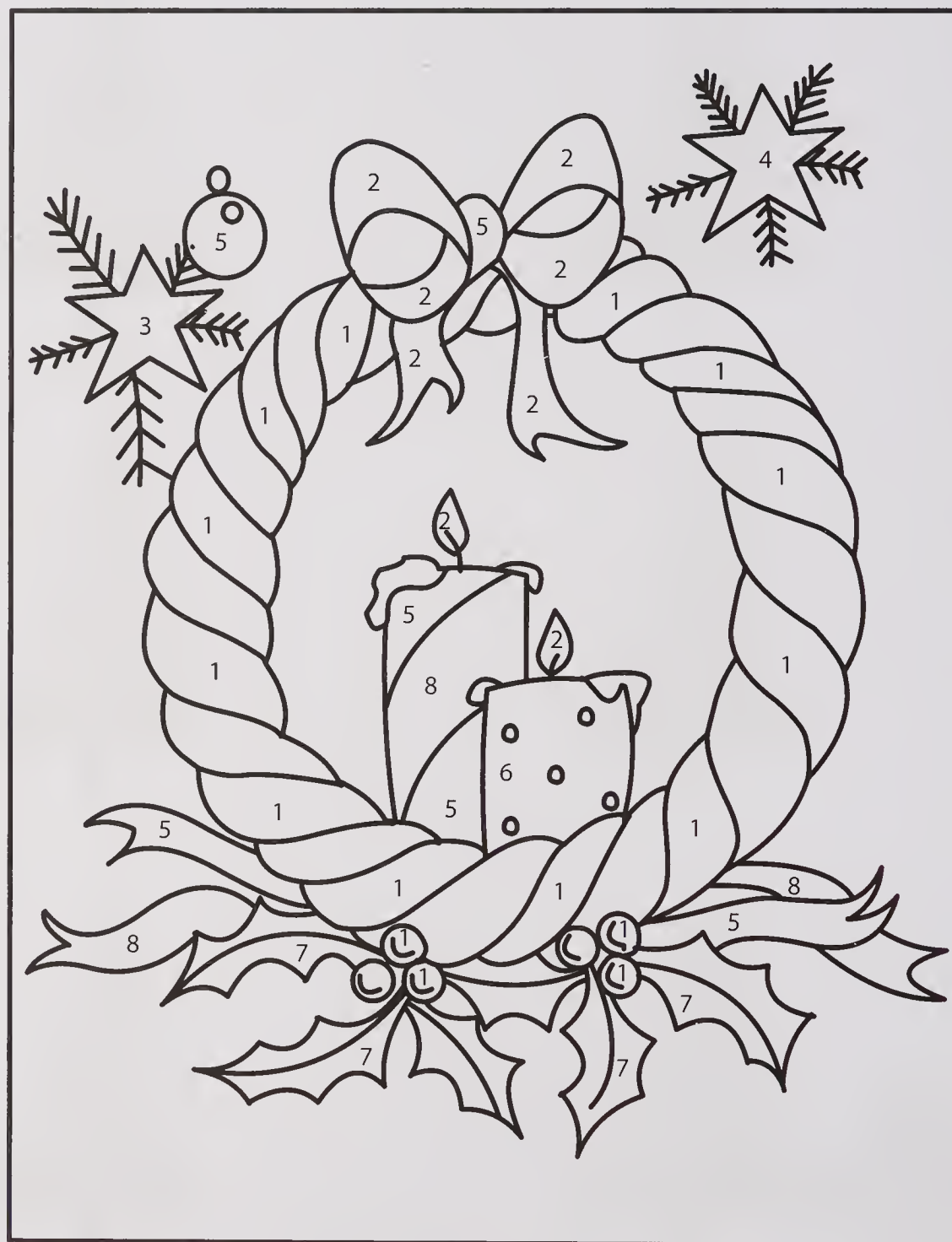




SHADES OF THE SEASON!

Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture using the number key as a guide. Start colouring to see how lovely those decorations look!

- 1 - Red
- 2 - Yellow
- 3 - Light Blue
- 4 - Light Green
- 5 - Pink
- 6 - Dark Blue
- 7 - Dark Green
- 8 - Orange





TRICKY TREES!

These Christmas trees are all standing close together.
Can you count how many there are in this picture?
Lots of them overlap so make sure you count carefully!



BUBBLEGUM GOODIES!



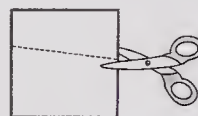
Decorations made of bubblegum? Absolutely! Here are some interesting decorations you can add to the Christmas tree this year!



Here's what you will need:

- Large bubblegum balls • Wooden toothpicks • Old newspaper • Scissors
- Glue • Ribbon • Silver spray paint (ask an adult) • Old jar lid • Glitter

Here's how to do it

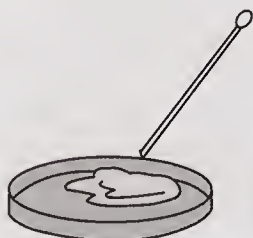


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Pour a small amount of glue on the old jar lid.

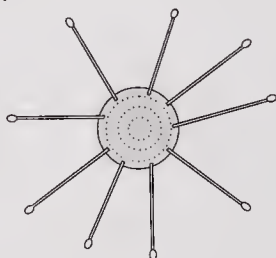
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Dip the end of a toothpick into the glue and insert it into the gumball.



3

Keep repeating with other toothpicks until the gumball is covered with toothpicks all over.

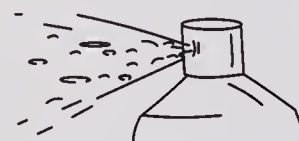


4

Remove the toothpicks. Take a sheet of newspaper and spread the gumballs on it.

5

Ask an adult to help you spray the ornaments all over with the silver paint. Sprinkle glitter on the ornaments while the paint is wet.



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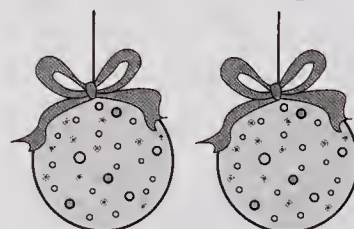
Let the ornaments dry overnight.

7

Insert a toothpick into one of the holes in the gum ball. Cut a piece of ribbon and tie it to the toothpick so that you can hang the ornament by it. Then use scissors to cut the rest of the toothpick away

8

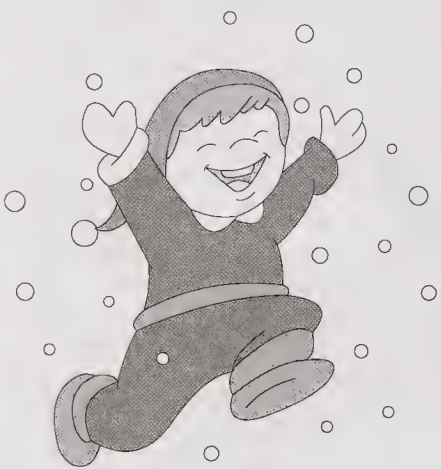
Your silvery gumball ornaments are ready to shine. Remember you can't eat them though!



SNOW THE DIFFERENCE!



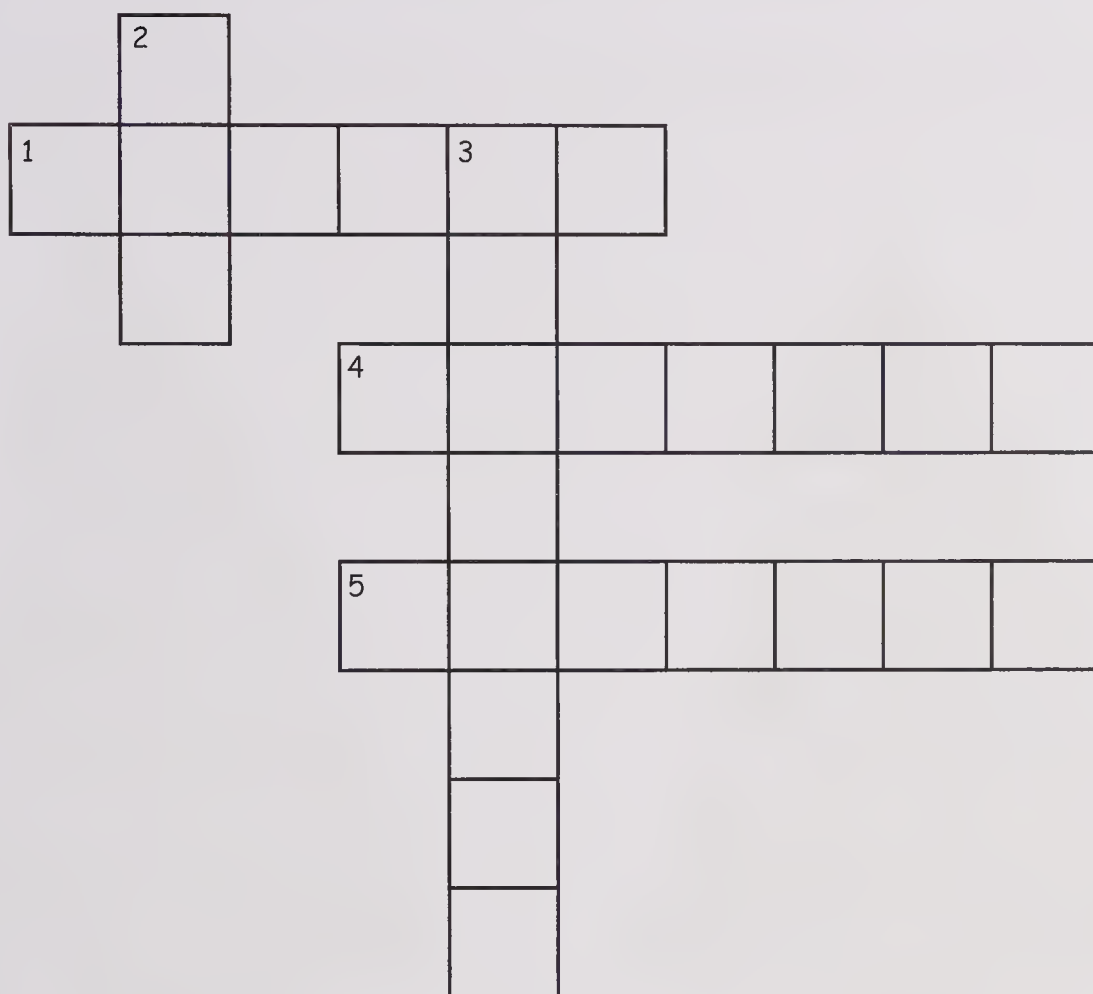
Look at these little boys having fun in the snow. But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!



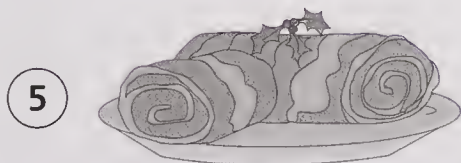
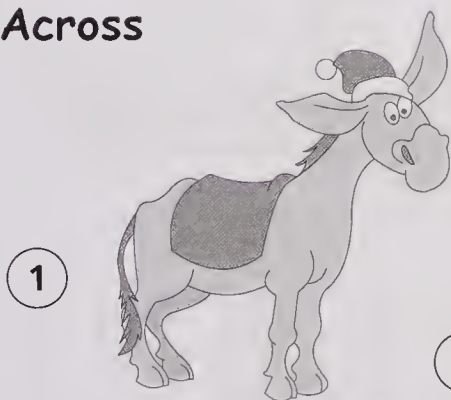


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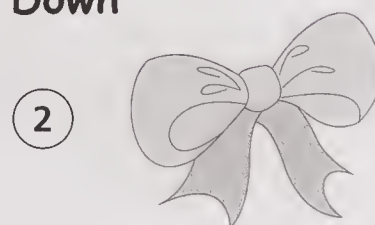
How good are you at guessing Christmas words from pictures?
Work out the words for the picture clues then complete the crossword!



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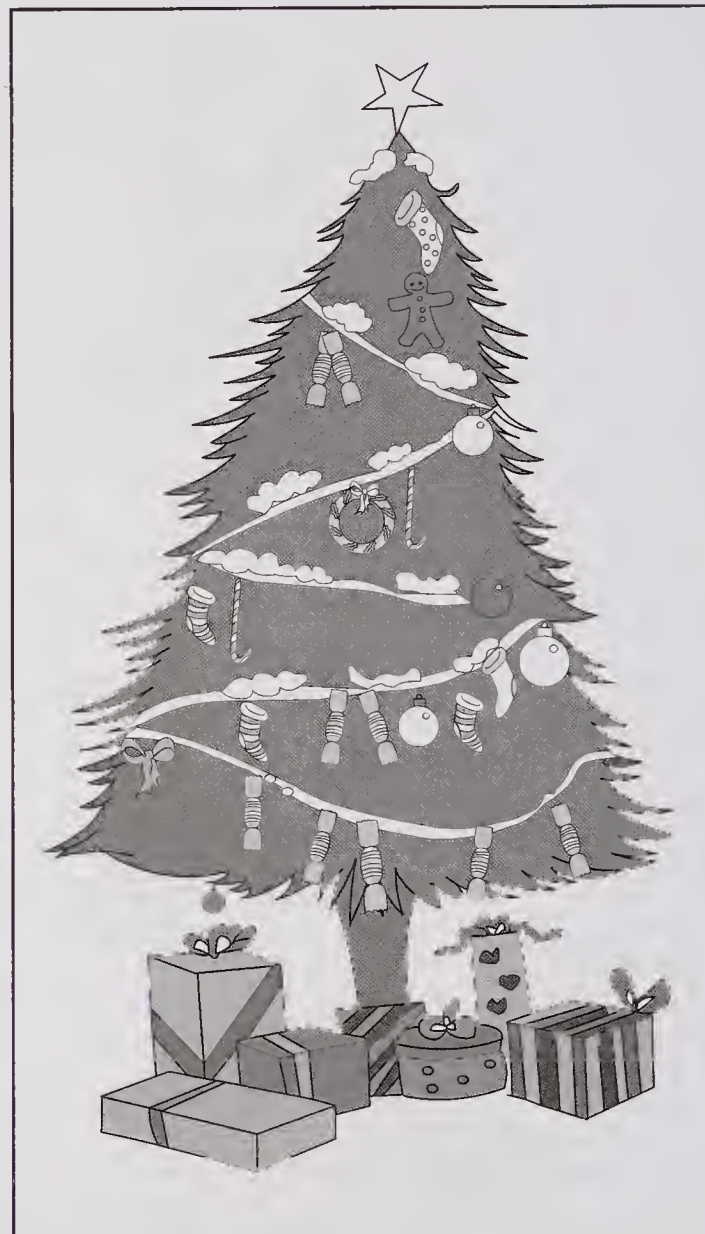
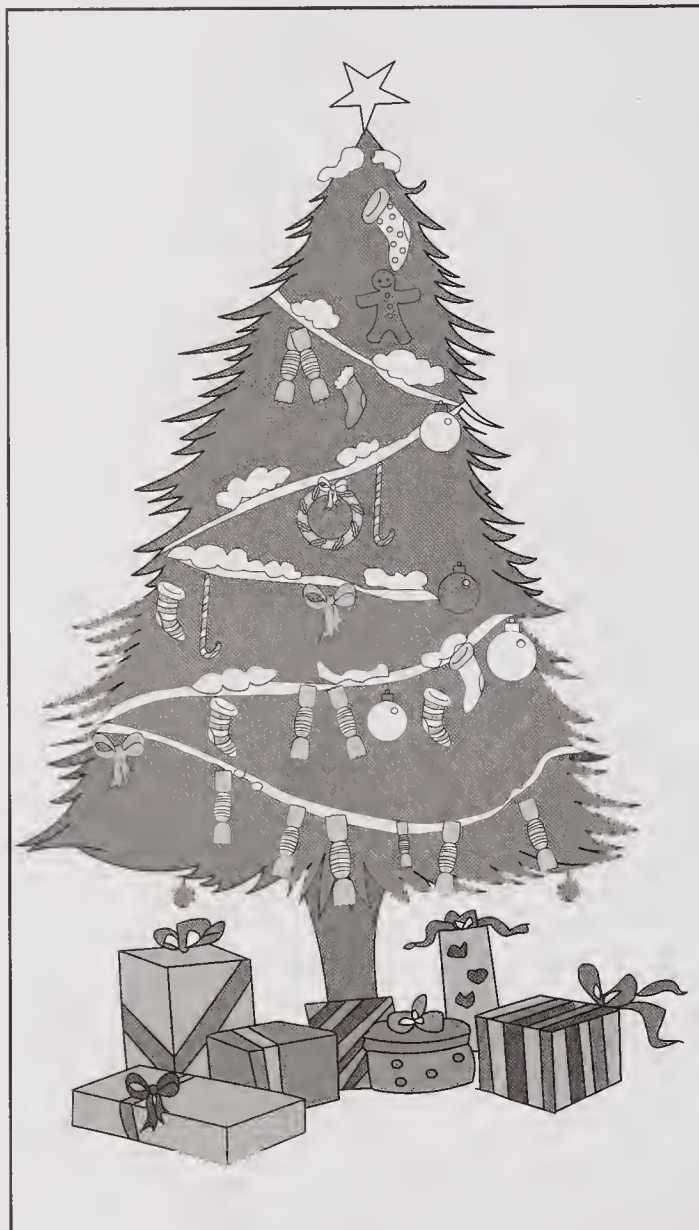


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PICTURE PERFECT!

Here are two identical pictures of decorated Christmas trees...or are they? There are at least six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?

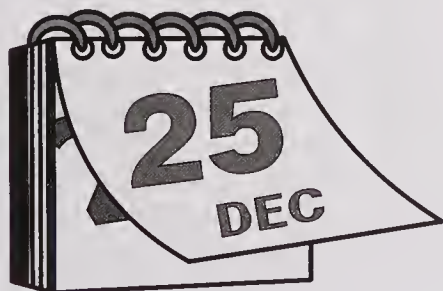




WEEKLY WORDS!

Christmas only comes once a year but it can fall on any day of the week! Find the days of the week in the puzzle.

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S	R	L	M	S	R	Y	D	M	S	A	S	W
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Y	D	A	O	A	Y	W	A	D	W	O	W	D
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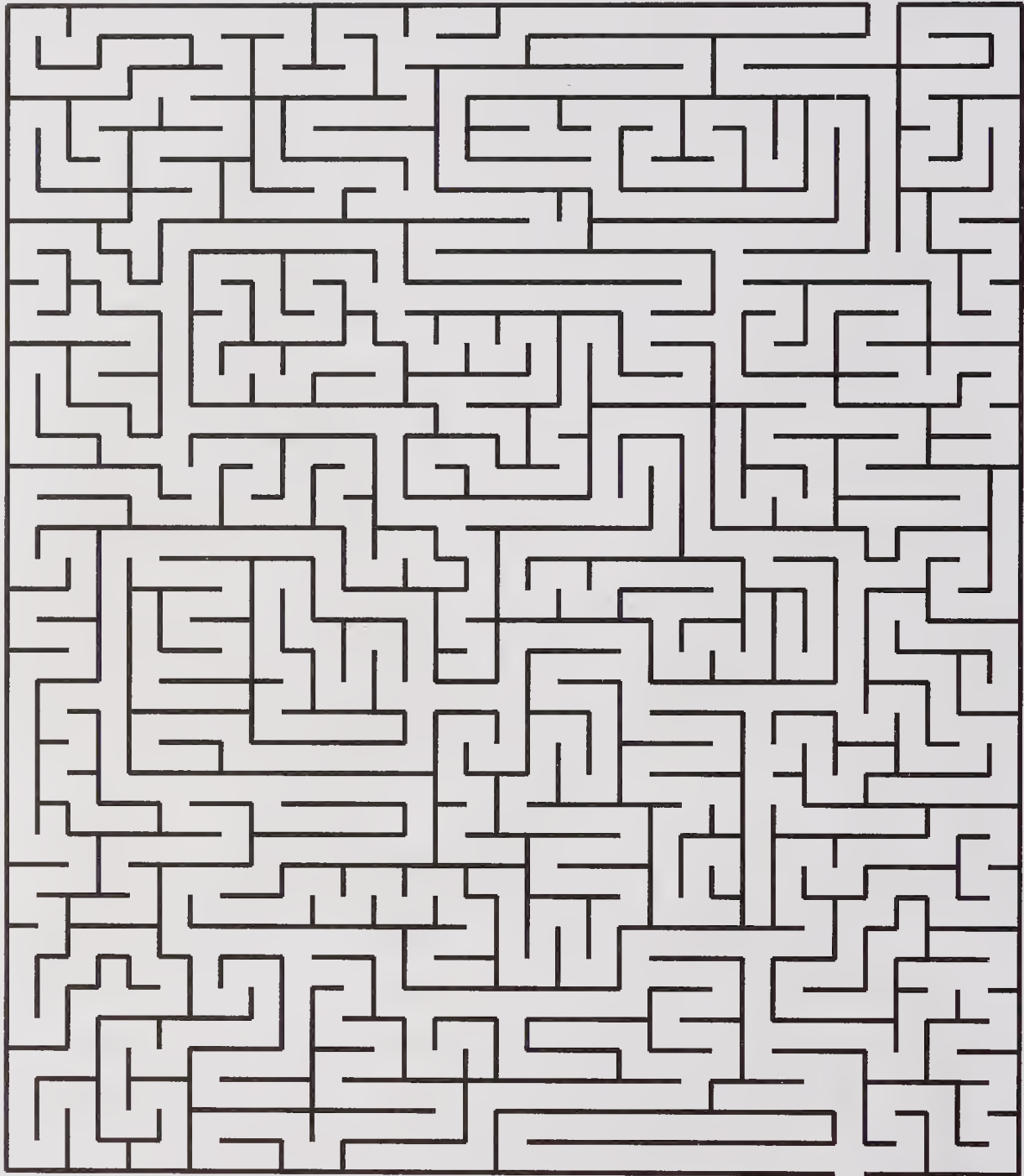


- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday

REINDEER TRACKS!



Poor Rudolph! He's tired and needs to rest.
Help him reach his barn for a nap by correctly
travelling through this maze.

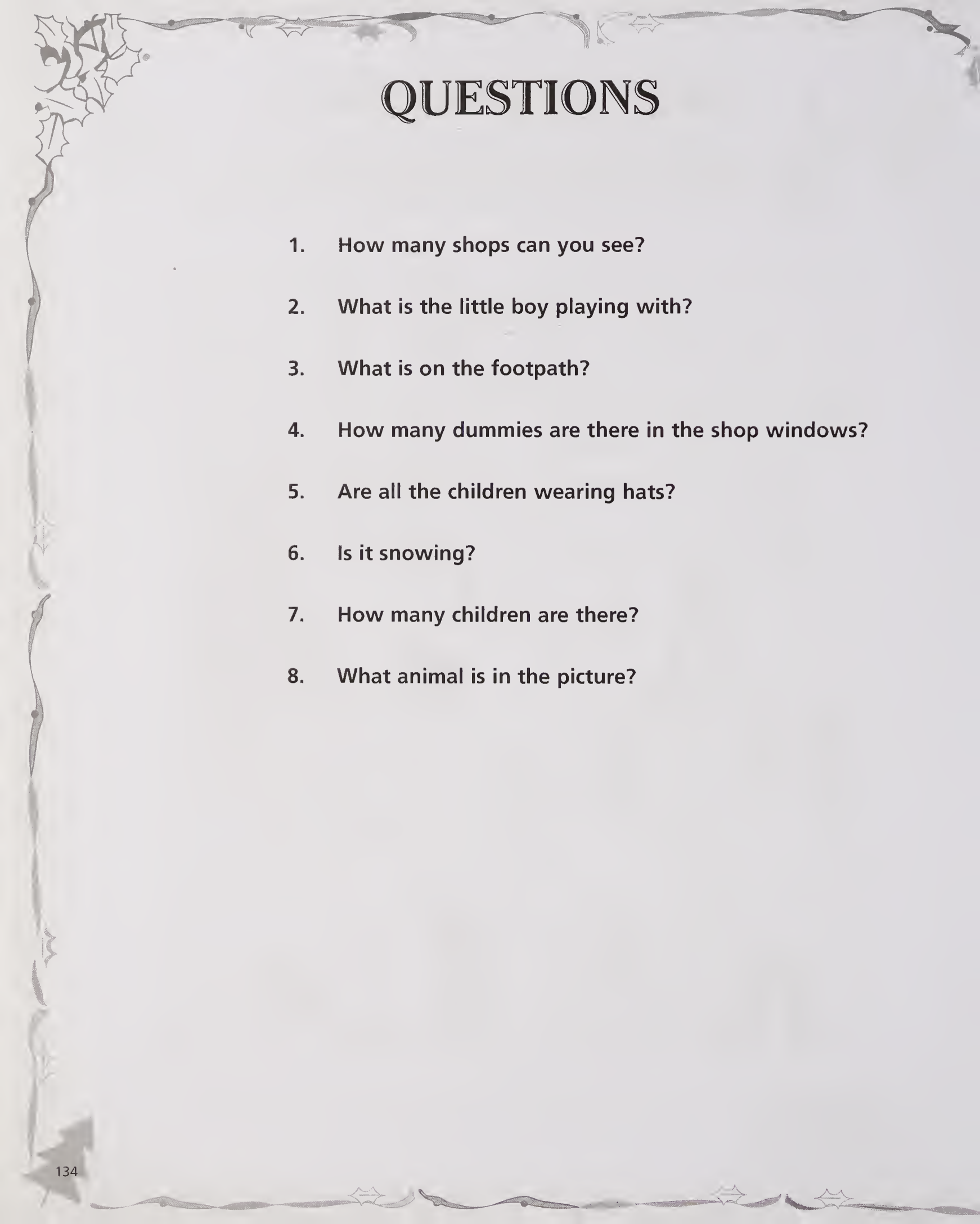




A BUSY STREET!

Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!





QUESTIONS

1. How many shops can you see?
2. What is the little boy playing with?
3. What is on the footpath?
4. How many dummies are there in the shop windows?
5. Are all the children wearing hats?
6. Is it snowing?
7. How many children are there?
8. What animal is in the picture?



CANDLE CONUNDRUM!

These candles are lighting up the dark winter nights. But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!



COLOURFUL CAROLS!



We all love singing carols! But it's much more fun when there is a bit of colour around. Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture using the number key as a guide.

- 1 - Red
- 2 - Black
- 3 - Light Brown
- 4 - Pink
- 5 - Light Yellow
- 6 - Blue
- 7 - Orange
- 8 - Light Green



BOW BITS!



This big bow has lots of different shapes in it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



CAROL CLUES!

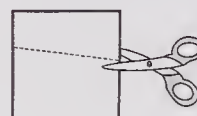
How well do you know your Christmas carols?
Play this fun game with your friends to find out!

Number of Players : Four or more.

Materials Required : None.

Object of the Game : To guess the carol after hearing just a few notes.

Here's how to do it



1 Choose a player to be the hummer. If you are this person, start the game by humming or whistling the first note of a carol.

2 The other players try to guess the name of the song from that single note. Players take it in turns trying to guess the Christmas tune. You'll see just how tricky it is to do!

3 Now repeat the beginning of the melody, adding one note each time until someone finally guesses the carol.

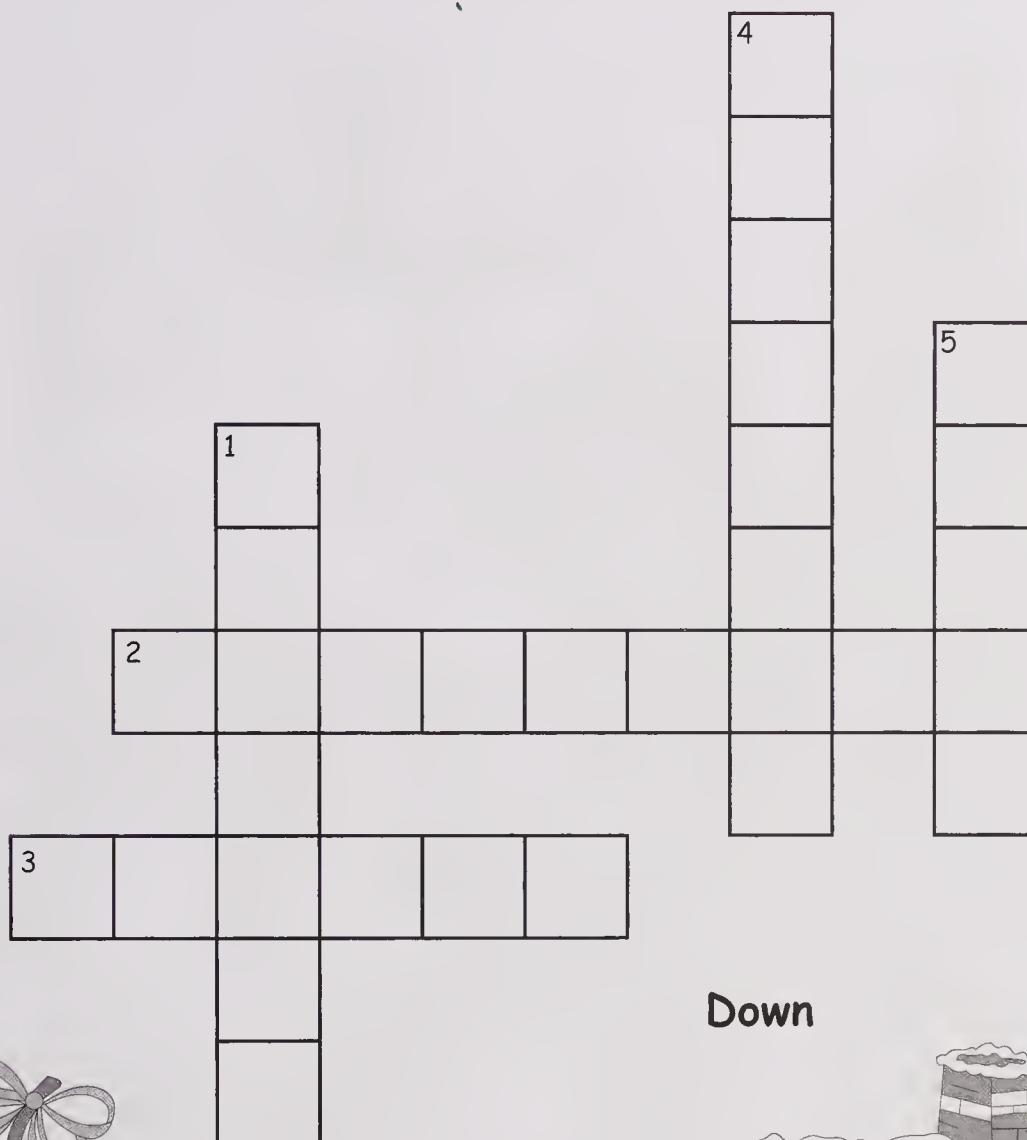
4 This person is the winner and becomes the hummer in the next round! To make it even more fun you could play for sweets or other treats.





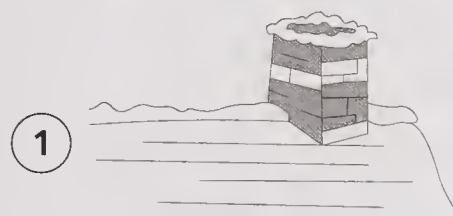
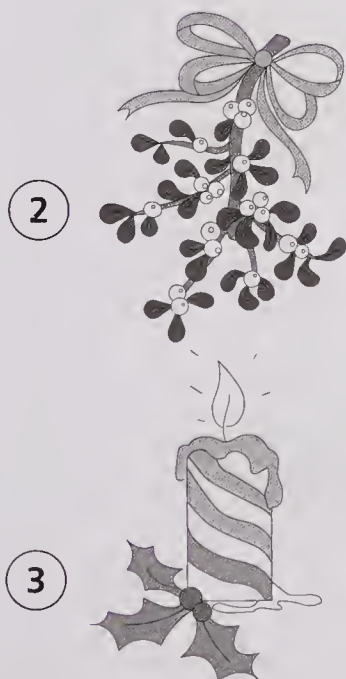
WORD HUNT!

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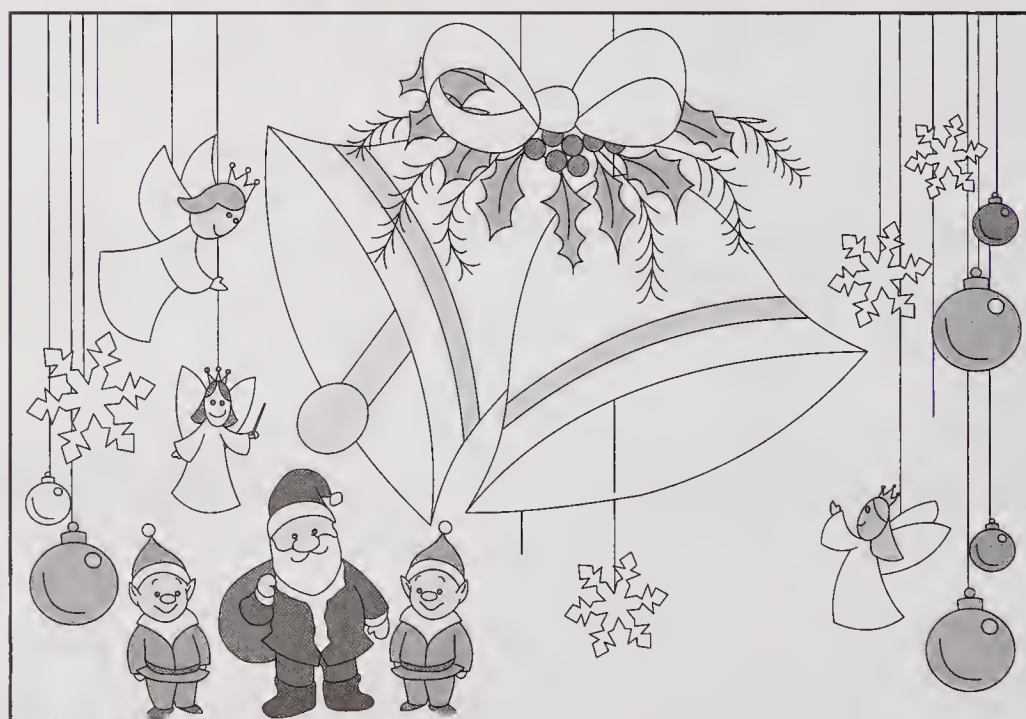
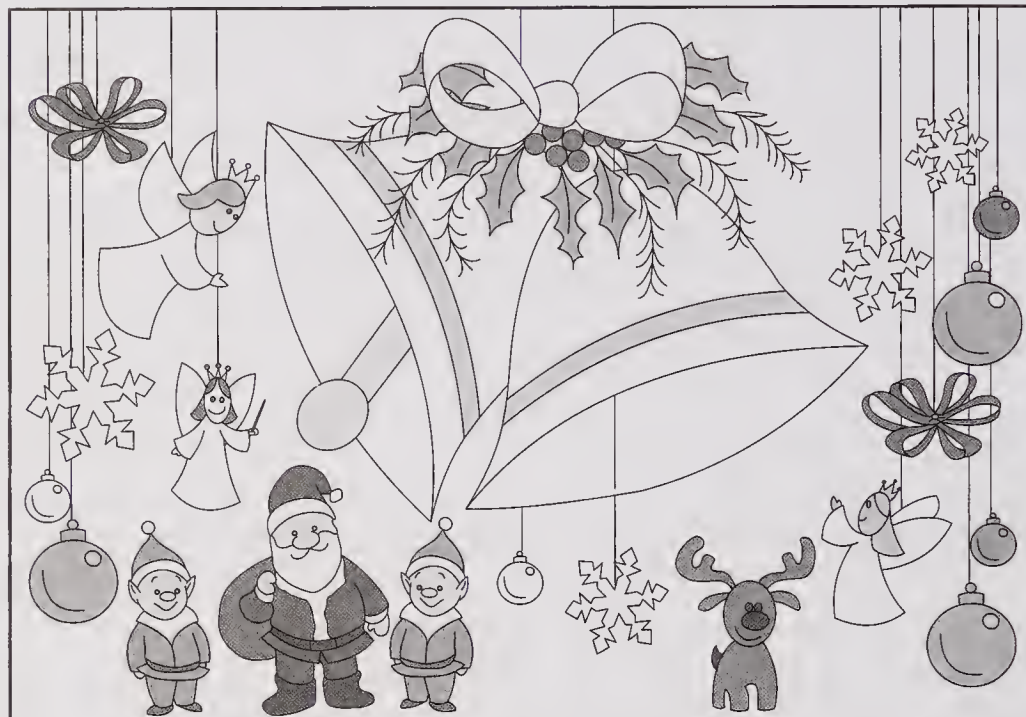
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JINGLE BELLS!



Here are two identical pictures of some Christmas decorations...or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?

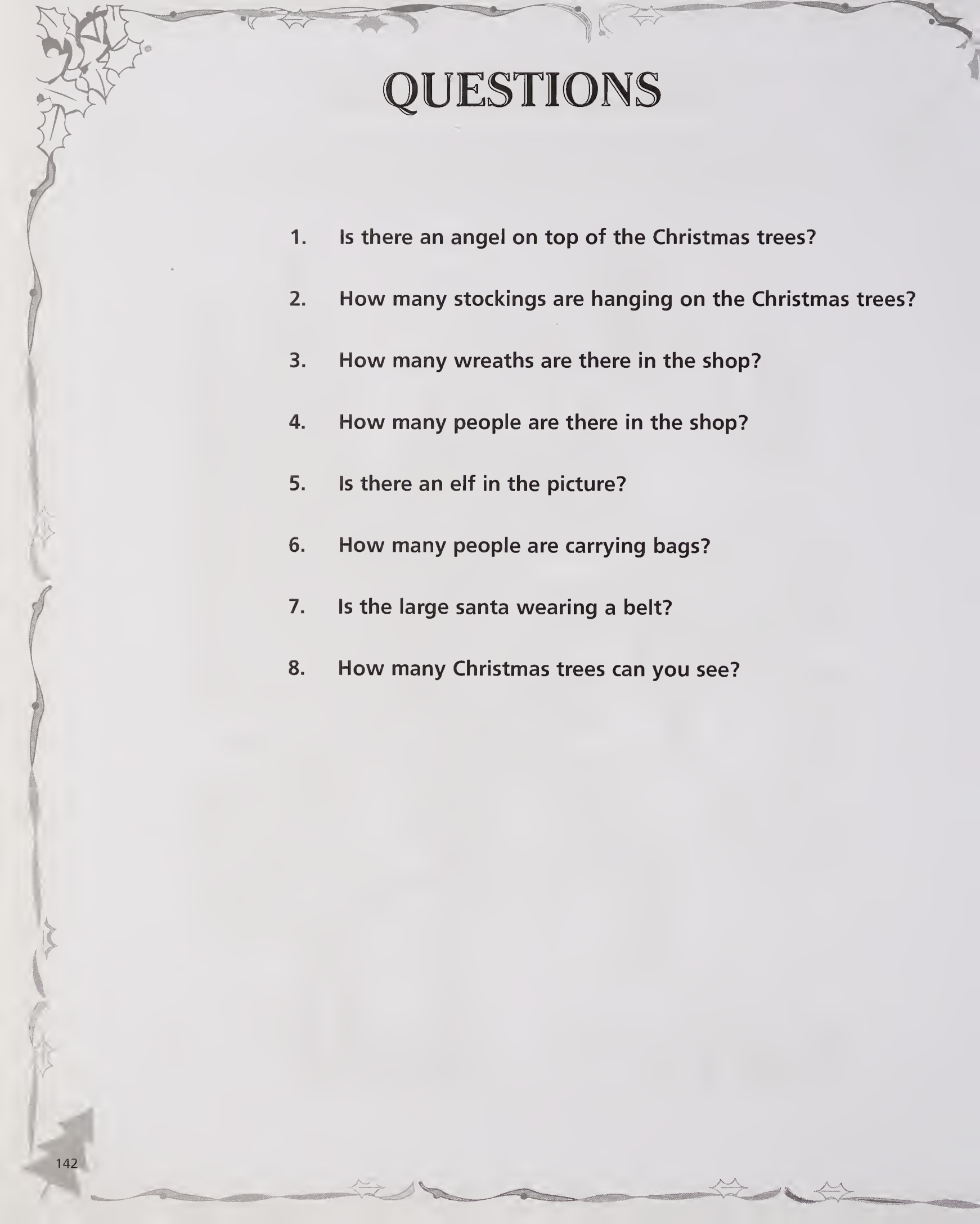




CHRISTMAS SHOP!

Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!





QUESTIONS

1. Is there an angel on top of the Christmas trees?
2. How many stockings are hanging on the Christmas trees?
3. How many wreaths are there in the shop?
4. How many people are there in the shop?
5. Is there an elf in the picture?
6. How many people are carrying bags?
7. Is the large santa wearing a belt?
8. How many Christmas trees can you see?



SNOWMAN SPOTTER!

These snowmen have all been made the same. But one is not the quite same as the others! Try and spot the odd one out.



A black and white line drawing of Santa Claus. He is wearing his traditional suit with a large fur collar, a hat with a pom-pom, and boots. He has a long white beard and is smiling. He is holding a string of lights or garlands in his hands, appearing to be in the process of decorating a small, stylized Christmas tree to his right. The tree is simple, with a few branches and a single light bulb at the top. The background is plain.

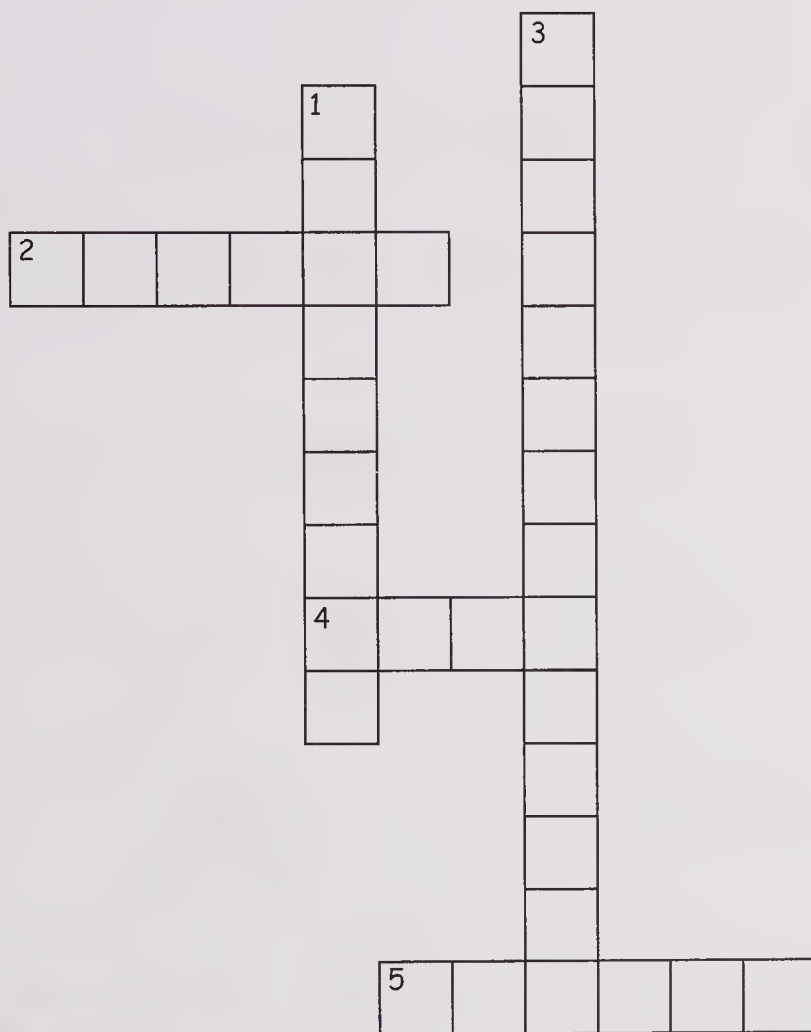
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- 8 – Orange





PICTURE PUZZLE!

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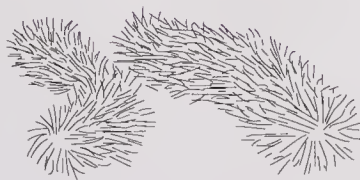
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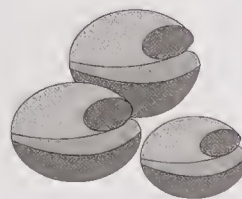


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PARTY HATS!

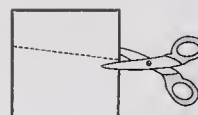
Forget paper hats from the crackers – make your own fun, bright and cheery hats to really get the party swinging!



Here's what you will need:

- Square of coloured or decorative paper
- Sticky tape
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Glitter
- Sequins
- Glue
- Felt-tip pens

Here's how to do it



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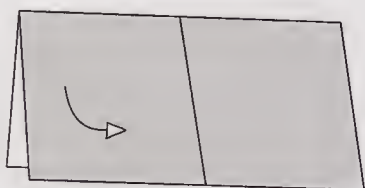
Fold the coloured paper exactly in half.

2

Fold the sheet in half again to make another crease then unfold the paper to leave just the first fold.

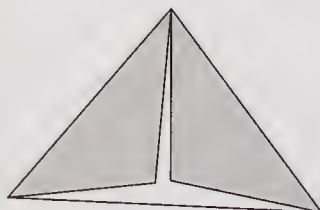
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Hold the paper with the folded edge at the top and the open end at the bottom. Fold the top left corner down to the bottom.



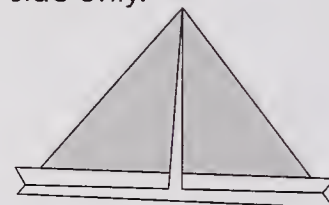
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Fold the right side down in the same way to make a triangle.



5

Hold the bottom edge and fold upwards on one side only.

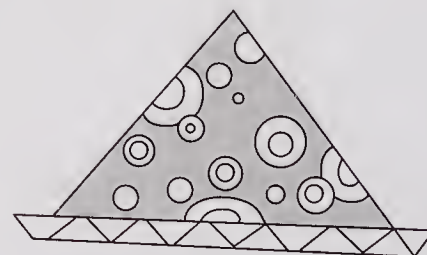


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Turn the triangle over and fold the other bottom edge upwards to form the hat brim. You may want to use some glue or tape to hold it in position.

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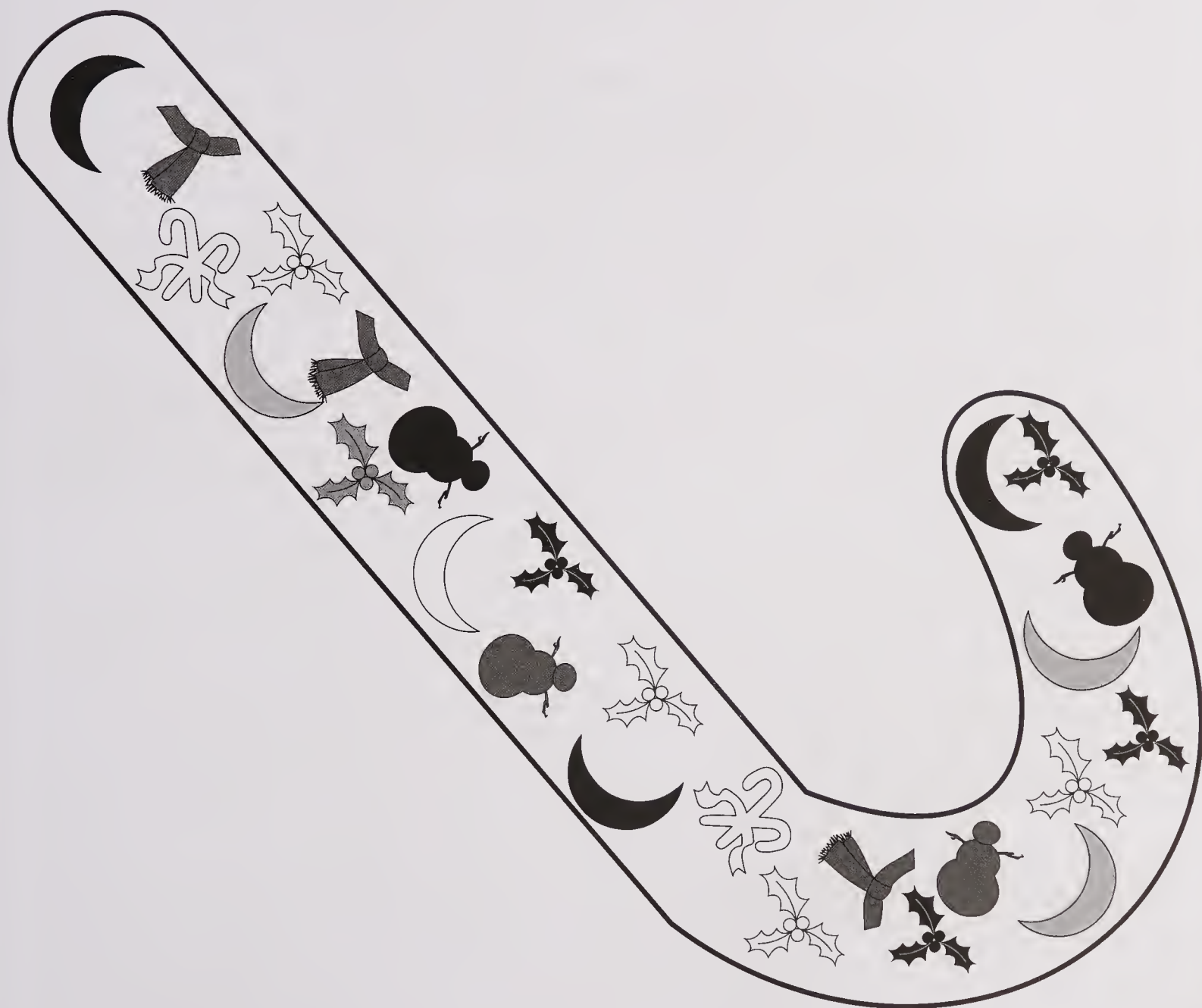
Decorate your hat with felt-tip pens, glitter and sequins. You can make it as colourful and decorative as you want...then make more for everyone else!





CANDY CANE!

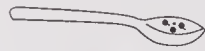
This giant candy cane has lots of different shapes in it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?





FAIRY CAKES!

Always sweet and a delicious treat, fairy cakes look magical on the Christmas table!



Here's what you will need:



- 100g (4oz) self raising flour
 - 100g (4oz) soft margarine
 - 100g (4oz) caster sugar
 - 2 eggs
- For the icing: 100g (4oz) of icing sugar • A few tablespoons of water

★ Here's how to do it ★

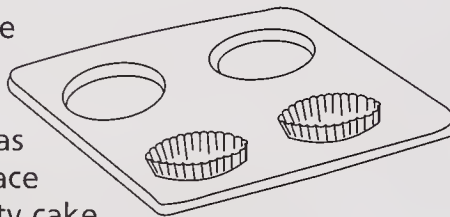
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Place all the ingredients in a large bowl and beat with a wooden spoon for about 2-3 minutes until you get a smooth, creamy mixture.



2

Preheat the oven to 180°C, 350°F or gas mark 4. Place some empty cake cases on a bun tin and spoon a tablespoon of the mixture into each of the cases.



3

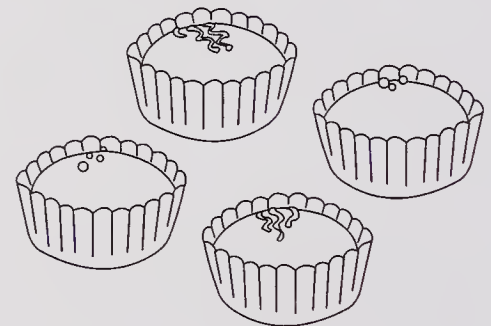
Bake in the oven for about 10-15 minutes. They will be golden and fluffy when ready.

4

When the cakes are cool, mix the icing sugar with a little water to make a thick paste. This is your icing!

5

Decorate the cakes with the icing and decorate with silver balls and jelly shapes. If you're very good, you can draw Christmas shapes with the icing!



* Ask an adult to help you with this



CHRISTMAS EVE!

The night before Christmas is always the most exciting time of the season! Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture using the number key as a guide.

- 1 – Red
- 2 – Yellow
- 3 – Green
- 4 – Blue
- 5 – Light Blue
- 6 – Light Brown
- 7 – Dark Brown
- 8 – Black



WHITE CHRISTMAS!



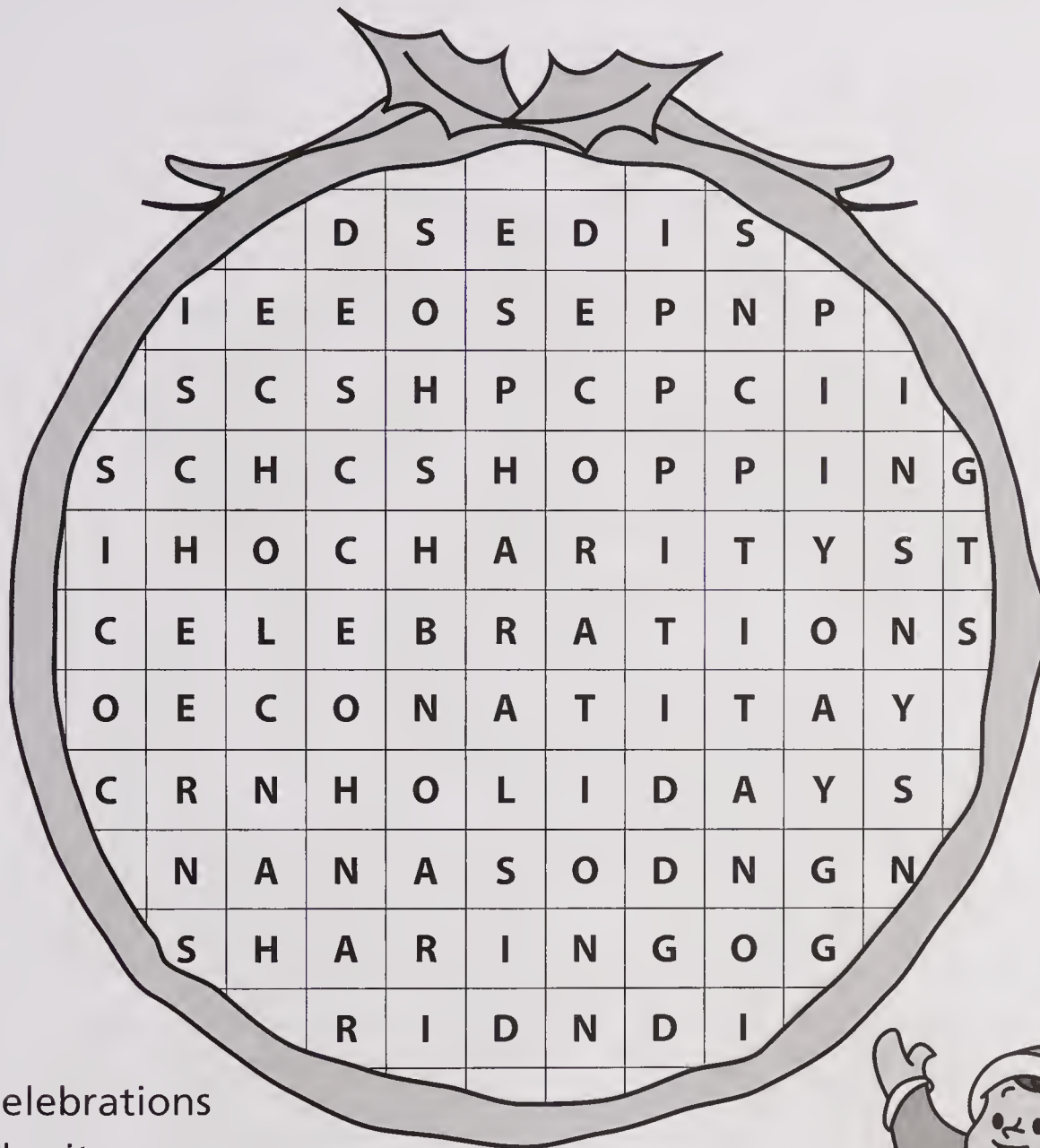
Here are two identical pictures of a snow-covered street...or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?





HOLIDAY CHEER!

There's so much fun to be had over the Christmas holidays!
Look at the list of fun words and find them in the holly wreath.



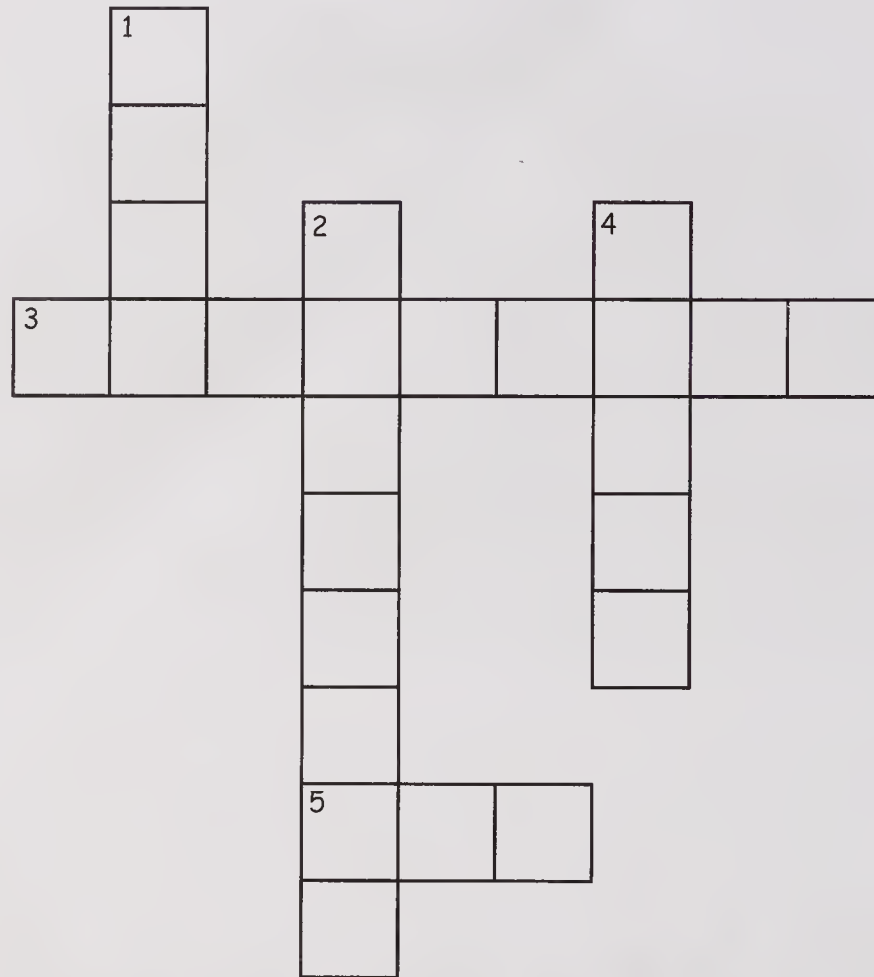
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- Shopping
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- Sharing
- Cheer



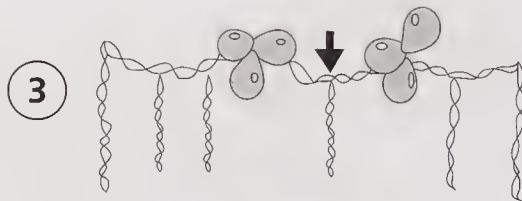
WORD POWER!



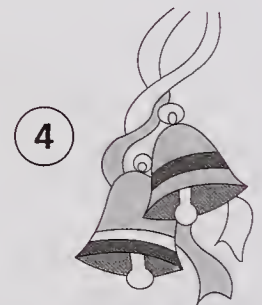
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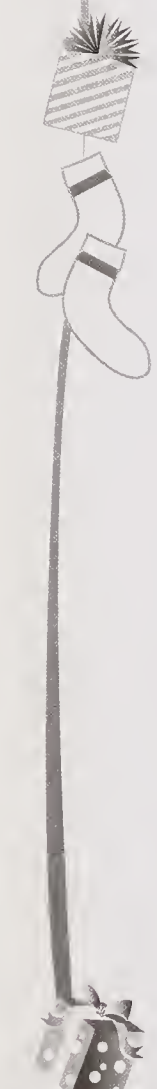


Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!





QUESTIONS



1. How many ribbons are lying on the floor?
2. What is the girl picking up?
3. Is there a star on the tree?
4. What is the mother putting on the tree?
5. What is the girl standing on?
6. Is the boy wearing a hat?
7. Who is wearing a scarf?
8. How many stars are there on the tree?



EQUAL ELVES!

These little elves are all busy making toys. But one is not the quite same as the others! Try and spot the odd one out.





DEAR REINDEER!

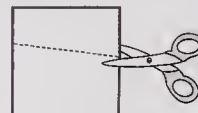
Send Rudolph to a friend! Follow these simple instructions and make a Rudolph card to share your Christmas greetings.



Here's what you will need:

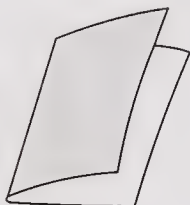
- Plain white card • Green felt • Brown coloured paper
- Small black beads • Cotton wool balls • A tiny bell • Scissors
- A black marker pen • Ribbon • Glue • Red and brown felt-tip pens

Here's how to do it



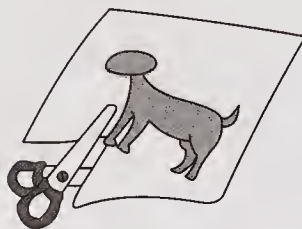
1

Take the white card and cover the entire front side with the green felt.



2

Now draw the shape of a reindeer on the brown paper and cut along the drawing. Cut it out and glue it to the felt.



3

Use two black beads for Rudolph's eyes, and a cotton wool ball for his nose and tail. Glue them in place and colour in the cotton wool nose and tail with the felt-tip pens. Add hooves and antler details with the black marker.

4

As a special finishing touch, attach the tiny bell to a small piece of a ribbon and glue it around Rudolph's neck.



5

Your Rudolph card is ready. And what's more, it makes a festive tinkling sound too!





BAUBLE BLUFF!

This Christmas bauble is covered in different shapes.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?





SANTA SAYS!

**You'd better do what Santa says or
you won't get any presents!**

Number of Players : Three or more.

Materials Required : A coin.

Object of the Game : To copy the actions of the player who is Santa. He or she must say 'Santa says...' every time an instruction is given to the other players.

1

Toss a coin to choose who will be Santa.

2

The other players stand in a line facing this person.

3

If you are Santa, begin the game by giving the group instructions they can follow. Remember to always start any command with the words 'Santa says...' For example, 'Santa says clap your hands!' or 'Santa says jump up and down!' Everyone copies your movements and tries not to make any mistakes until you give players a new set of instructions.

4

Players must try to avoid being caught out as the person who is Santa watches their every move like a hawk. Remember, players don't have to follow a command unless the person says 'Santa says' first.

5

Players drop out one by one as they make a mistake until there is one person left in the game. This person is Santa in the next round!

Did you know that this game
began as an army drill?





CANDLE CLUES!

Look carefully at the order of the three shining candles below.
Can you find them in exactly the same order in the box? Search from
left to right, top to bottom and from the bottom upwards!



A BIG TOY SACK!



Here are two identical pictures of Santa with his sack of toys...or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?

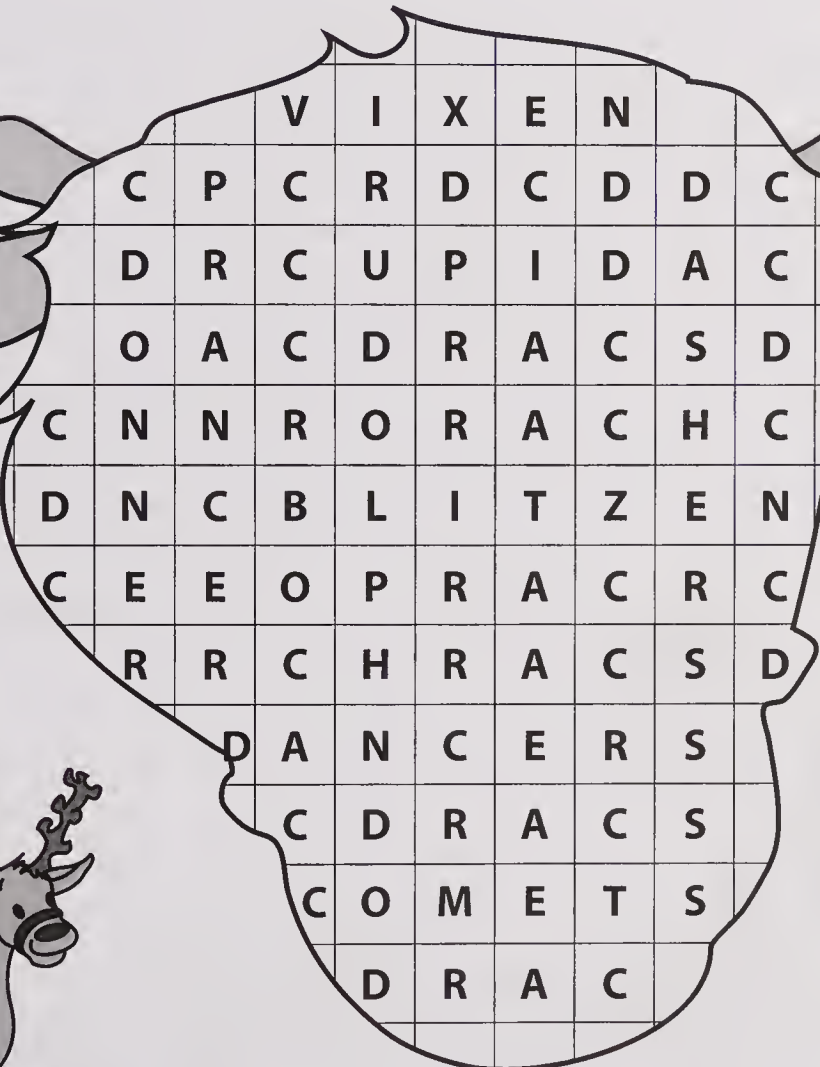




REINDEER RUCKUS!

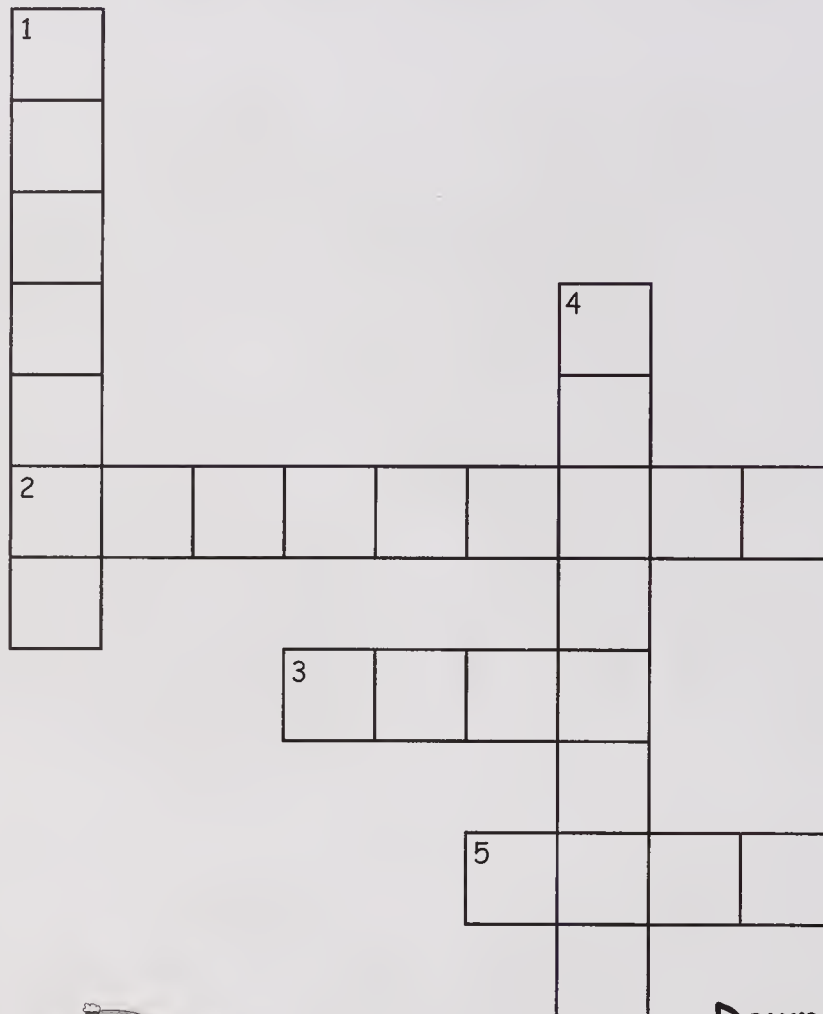
Look at the name of all of Santa's reindeer helpers.
There are lots of them! Find them all in the puzzle.

- Rudolph
- Comet
- Cupid
- Vixen
- Blitzen
- Dancer
- Prancer
- Donner
- Dasher



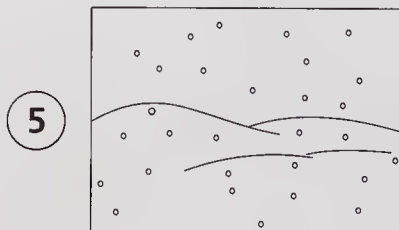
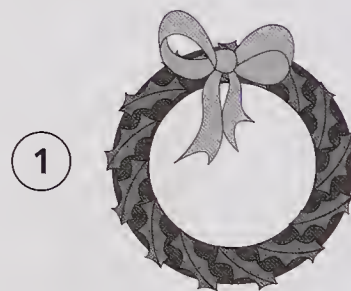
MAKE A CONNECTION!

How good are you at guessing Christmas words from pictures? Work out the words for the picture clues then complete the crossword!



Across

Down





CHRISTMAS CHAOS!

Here are some words all to do with Christmas that have got jumbled up!
Can you unscramble the letters and rearrange them into words?

1. E L E C B A I R O T N S

— — — — — — — — — — — —

2. Y K T E U R

— — — — — —

3. A S F E T

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4. O M C E T

— — — — —

5. L I G E T T R

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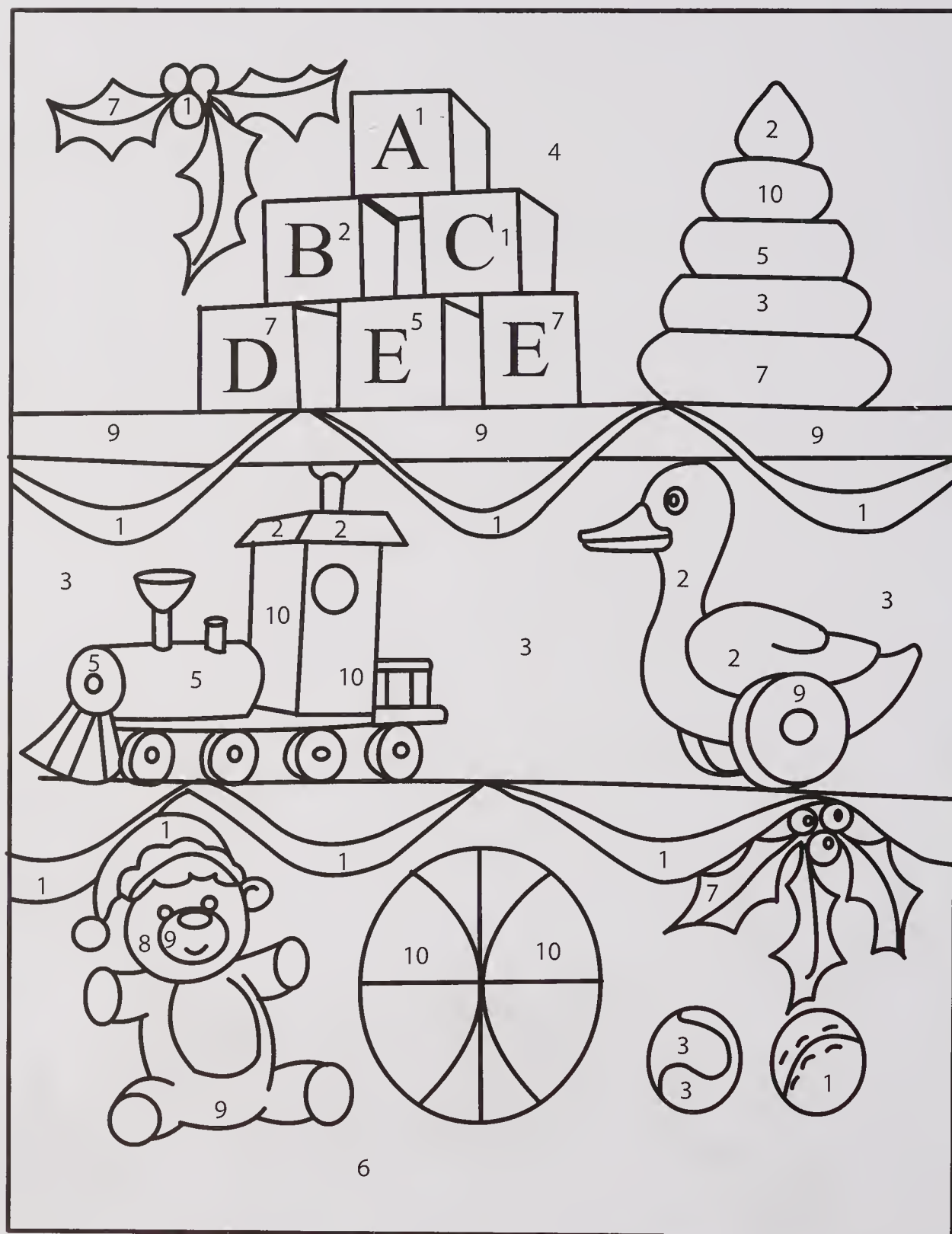




GIFT GALLERY!

Let's make Christmas colourful! Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture using the number key as a guide.

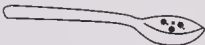
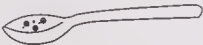
- 1 – Red
- 2 – Yellow
- 3 – Light Blue
- 4 – Light Green
- 5 – Pink
- 6 – Dark Blue
- 7 – Dark Green
- 8 – Light Brown
- 9 – Dark Brown
- 10 – Orange





CINNAMON BISCUITS!

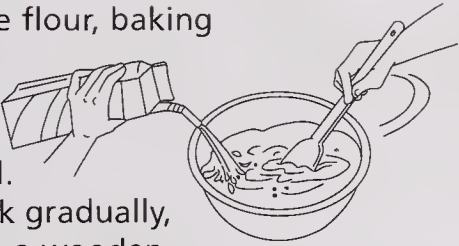
Add an extra flavour of happiness and cheer with cinnamon biscuits. Keep some for Santa too!

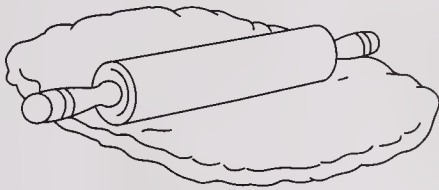
 Here's what you will need: 

- 200g (8oz) flour • 1 tablespoon baking powder • Pinch of salt
- 200ml (7.5 fl oz) milk • 2oz (50g) sugar • 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2oz (50g) melted or very soft butter

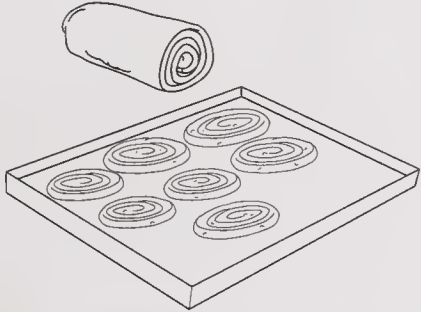
For the glaze: 100g (4oz) icing sugar • 2 tablespoons hot milk
• $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla essence

★ Here's how to do it ★

- 1** Combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a large mixing bowl. Add the milk gradually, stirring with a wooden spoon until you form a soft dough.
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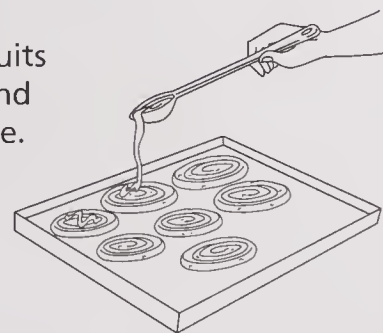
- 2** Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface. Make a 1-cm (1/4-inch) thick rectangle and spread a small amount of melted butter on top.
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- 3** Mix the cinnamon and sugar together in a bowl, then sprinkle evenly over the dough. Then roll up the dough like a swiss roll, starting on the long side.

- 4** Preheat the oven to 425°F, 220°C or gas mark 7.* When the dough is shaped like a log, cut it into 2-cm (1/2-inch) thick slices. Place the slices on a lightly buttered baking tray.
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- 5** Bake in the oven for 18-20 minutes or until golden brown. While they are baking, combine the glaze ingredients in a bowl and beat until you get a smooth paste.

- 6** Remove the biscuits from the oven and drizzle with glaze. Serve warm.



* Ask an adult to help you with this

WRAP AND ROLL!



We all need a lot of wrapping paper at Christmas!
Here are four brilliant ideas for making your own special paper to wrap all your gifts in.



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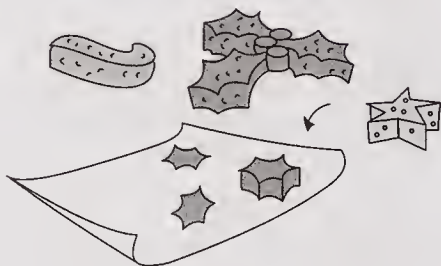
- Large sheet of plain white paper
- Crêpe paper or coloured paper
- Sponges
- Scissors
- Old toothbrush
- Poster paint and a saucer
- Stickers
- Glitter or tinsel
- Sequins
- Cardboard
- Glue
- A thick paint brush

Here's how to do it



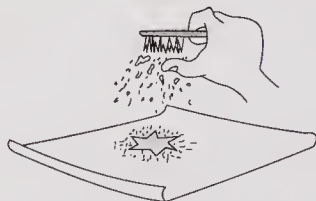
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Cut the sponges into Christmas shapes like candy canes, mistletoe or snowflakes and dip them in the paint. Stamp the sponge on your coloured paper in a sequence or random to make interesting pattern!



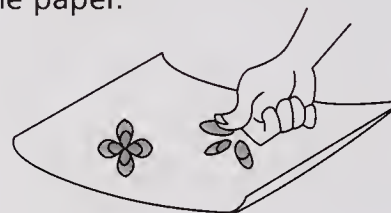
2

Cut out star shapes from the cardboard. Lay the stars on the plain paper. Dip a toothbrush in some paint and use your thumb to spray the paint all over the paper. Remove the card stars to get 'starry' wrapping paper.



3

Dip your fingers in paint and make amazing, colourful patterns on the paper.



4

Apply glue on the paper with a brush. Sprinkle some sequins, tinsel or glitter over the paper taking care to see that it is spread evenly. Your shiny wrapping paper is ready!





DOWN THE CHIMNEY!

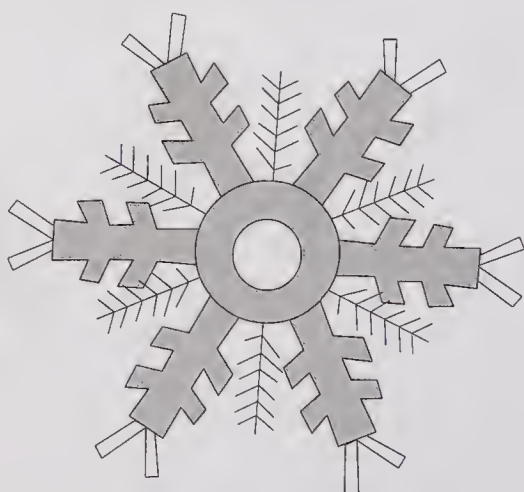
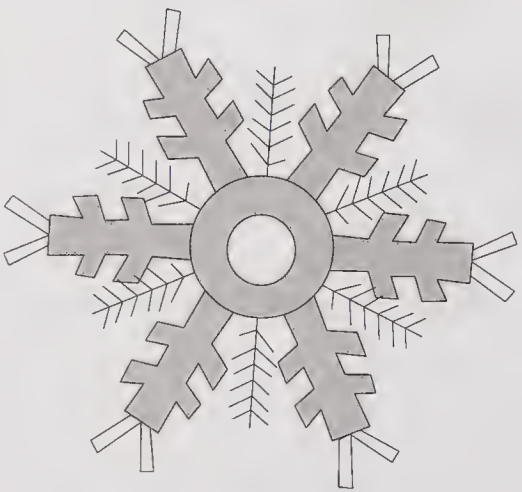
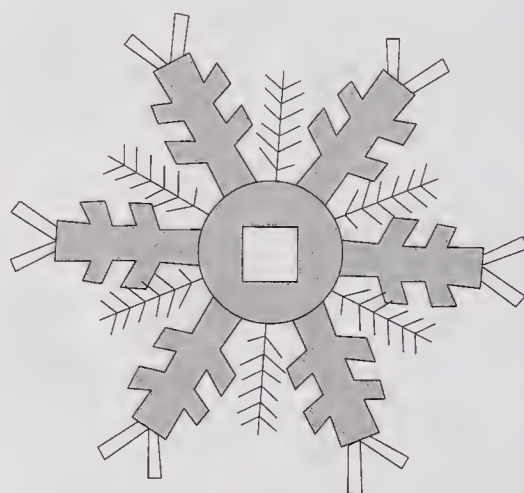
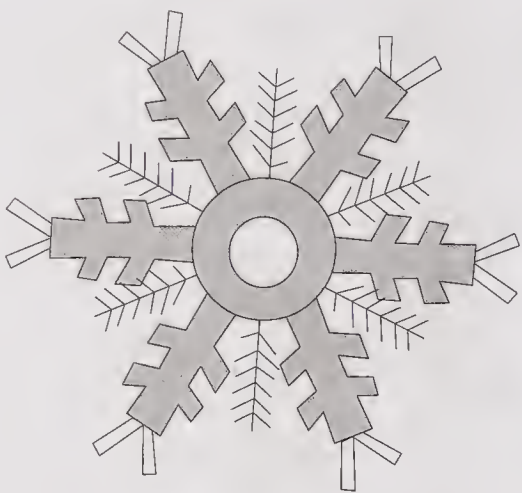
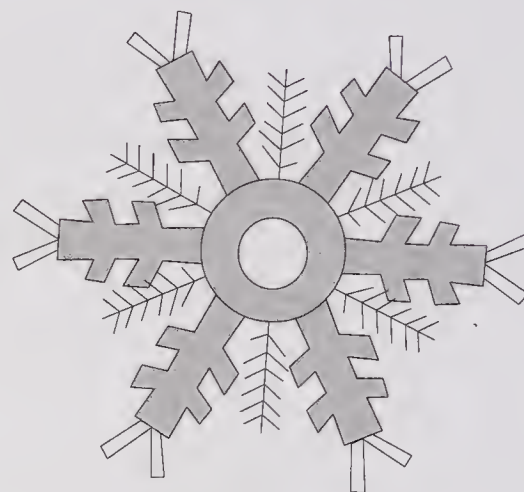
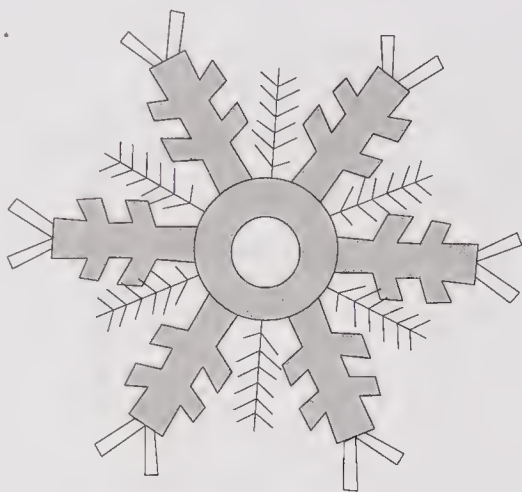
This chimney has lots of different shapes on it.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



SNOWFLAKE TRICK!



Here are six beautiful snowflakes. But one is not the same as the others! Can you spot the odd one out?





STOCKING FILLER!

See how cheerful and warm Christmas can be by colouring in this picture. Use paint, pencils or crayons to colour, using the number key as a guide.

- 1 – Red
- 2 – Yellow
- 3 – Green
- 4 – Light Brown
- 5 – Black
- 6 – Dark Brown
- 7 – Dark Green
- 8 – Blue
- 9 – Light Blue



FAULTY FLIGHT!

Here are two identical pictures of Santa flying in his sleigh...or are they? There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?





MAGIC MINCE PIES!

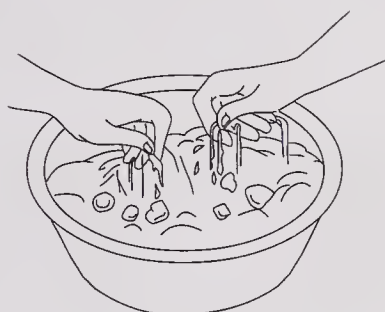
It's just not Christmas without mince pies!
Try your hand at these to score top marks
with your friends and family.

 Here's what you will need: 

- 100g (4oz) softened butter • 200g (8oz) plain flour
- 25g (1oz) caster sugar • 200g (8oz) mincemeat (from a jar)
- 1 egg yolk • A few tablespoons of cold water • 1 beaten egg

★ Here's how to do it ★

- 1** Sieve the flour into the mixing bowl and then add the butter. Using your fingertips, rub the butter into the flour until it looks like breadcrumbs. Make sure your hands are clean!

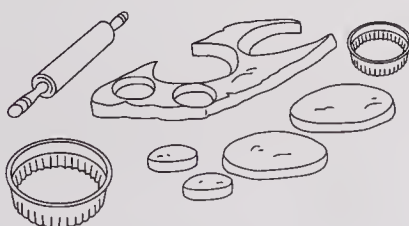


- 2** Stir in the sugar, egg yolk and about 3-4 tablespoons of cold water to make a soft dough. Wrap the dough in cling film and chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.

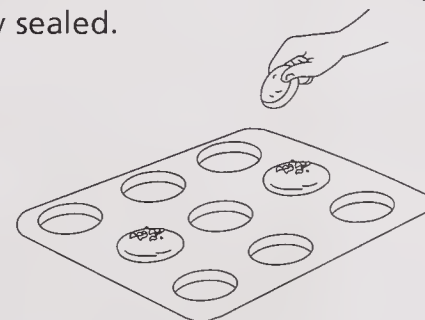


- 3** Preheat oven to 400°F, 200°C or gas mark 6.*

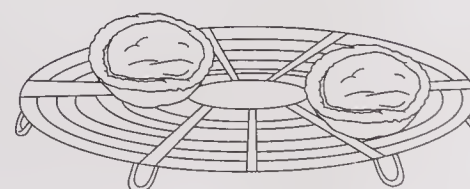
- 4** Roll out the dough on a floured surface and cut 15 circles using a round pastry cutter. Cut another 15 using a slightly smaller round cutter.



- 5** Grease the bun tins lightly with butter and line them with the larger circles. Heap on a teaspoon of mincemeat. Dampen the edges of the smaller rounds with a little water and lay them over the mincemeat form lids. Prick the top of the pies with a fork and make sure the edges are tightly sealed.



- 6** Brush the tops with beaten egg and bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes until golden brown. Remove from the oven and cool on a wire tray. Eat them while they're still warm!

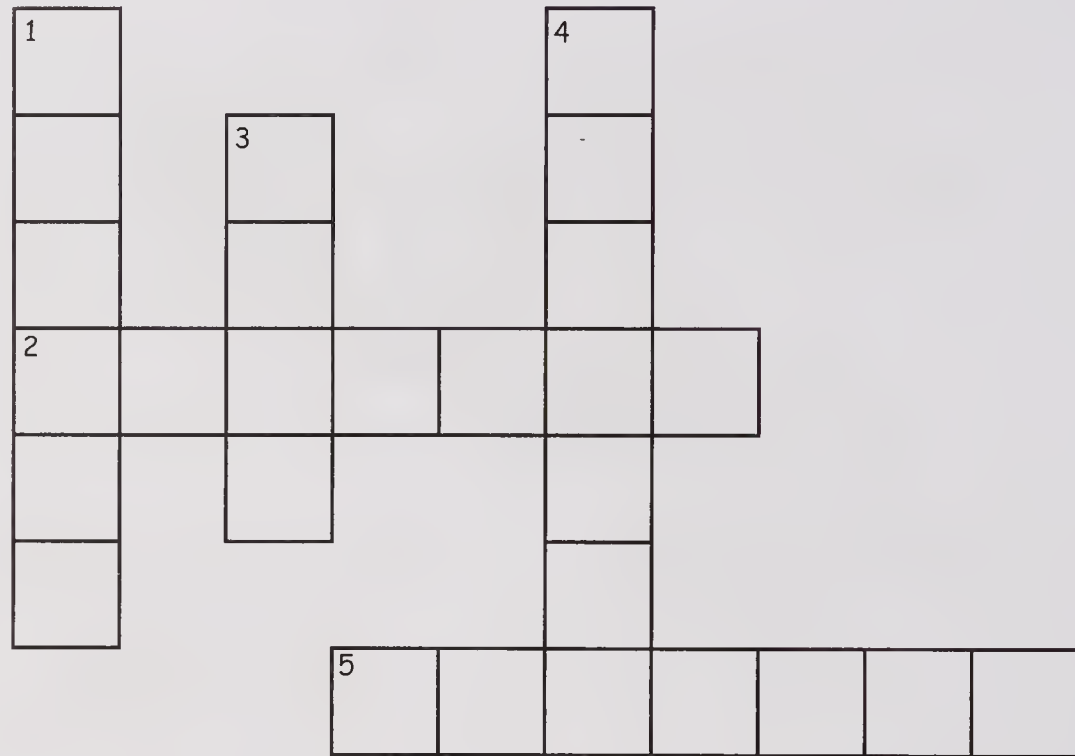


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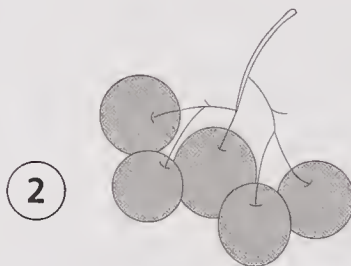
WHAT'S THE WORD?



How good are you at guessing Christmas words from pictures? Work out the words for the picture clues then complete the crossword!



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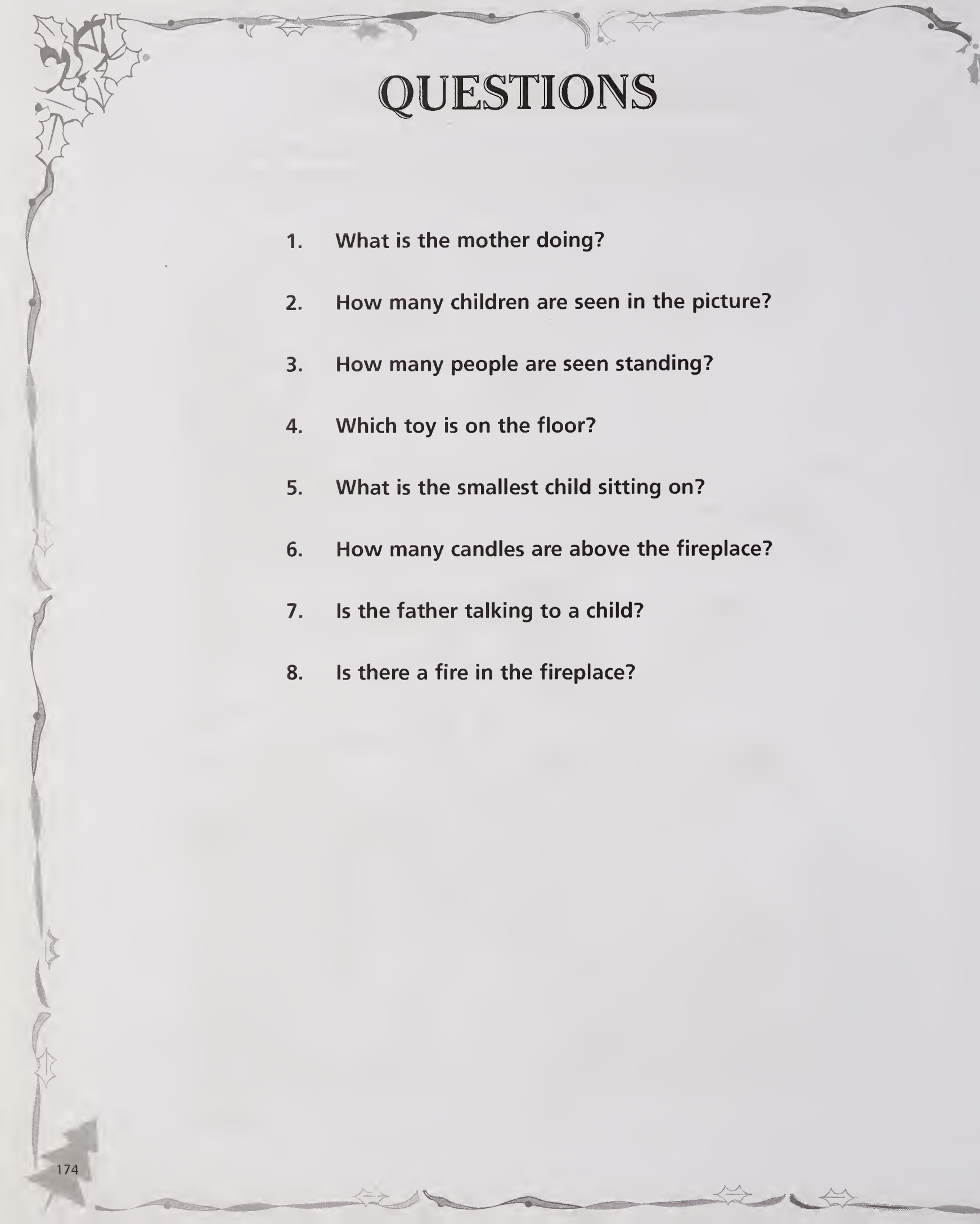




CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!





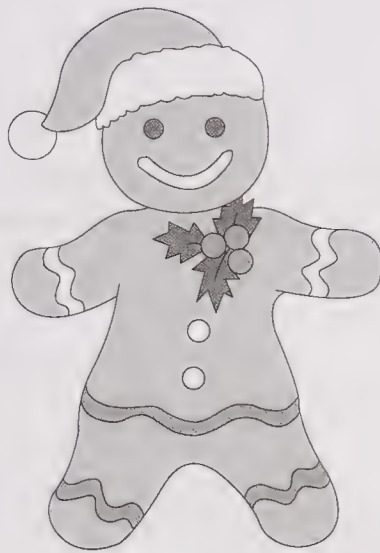
QUESTIONS

1. What is the mother doing?
2. How many children are seen in the picture?
3. How many people are seen standing?
4. Which toy is on the floor?
5. What is the smallest child sitting on?
6. How many candles are above the fireplace?
7. Is the father talking to a child?
8. Is there a fire in the fireplace?



GINGER ZING!

Here are six tasty and festive-looking gingerbread men. But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!



MARZIPAN MAGIC!



Marzipan shapes are fantastic fun to make and a delicious sweet treat. Put the best of your shapes on top of your Christmas cake to make it extra special.



Here's what you will need:



- 200g (8oz) ground almonds • 100g (4oz) caster sugar • 100g (4oz) icing sugar
- 1 egg • 2 tablespoons lemon juice • $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon almond extract

★ Here's how to do it ★

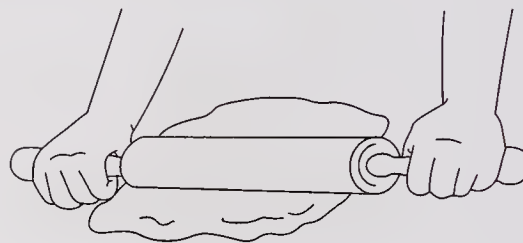
- 1** Mix all the dry ingredients together in a mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, beat the egg and then add the lemon juice and almond extract. When this is mixed together, pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients.



- 2** Mix everything together to form a smooth paste. Empty this out onto a surface covered with cling film and wrap the mixture tightly in the film. Chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.



- 3** When chilled, roll out the marzipan out on a flat surface dusted with a little icing sugar.



- 4** Now the fun begins and you can make your Christmas shapes! Try rolling two small balls and placing one on top of the other to create a snowman. Or use pastry cutters to make star shapes, heart shapes... anything you like! Finish off your creations with a dusting of icing sugar for the perfect snowy finish.





SNOW JOKE!

Someone has stuck lots of different shapes on this snowman.
Can you spot a shape that appears only once in one colour?



FUN SNOWFLAKES!



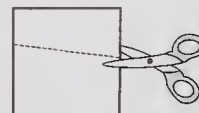
How about adding some snowflake decorations to your home?
Follow these simple instructions and have fun making unique,
dazzling snowflakes!



Here's what you will need:

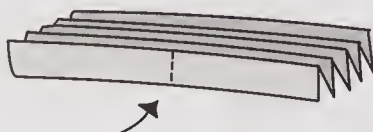
- Sheet of white paper • Pencil • Stapler • Scissors • Thread • Glue

Here's how to do it



1

Along the short edge, concertina fold the paper six to eight times. Fold lightly in half and mark the centre with a pencil.



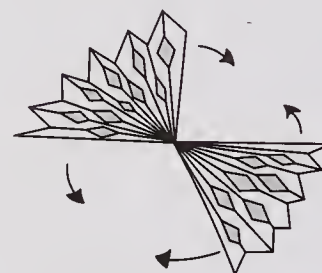
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Cut the ends of the concertina into points. Cut triangular shapes out of the sides taking care not to cut away all of the folded edge. Staple the centre together (See diagram).



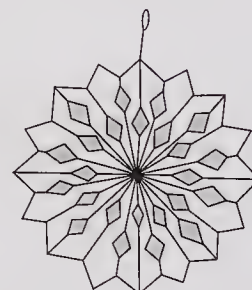
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Open out the concertina and glue the ends together.



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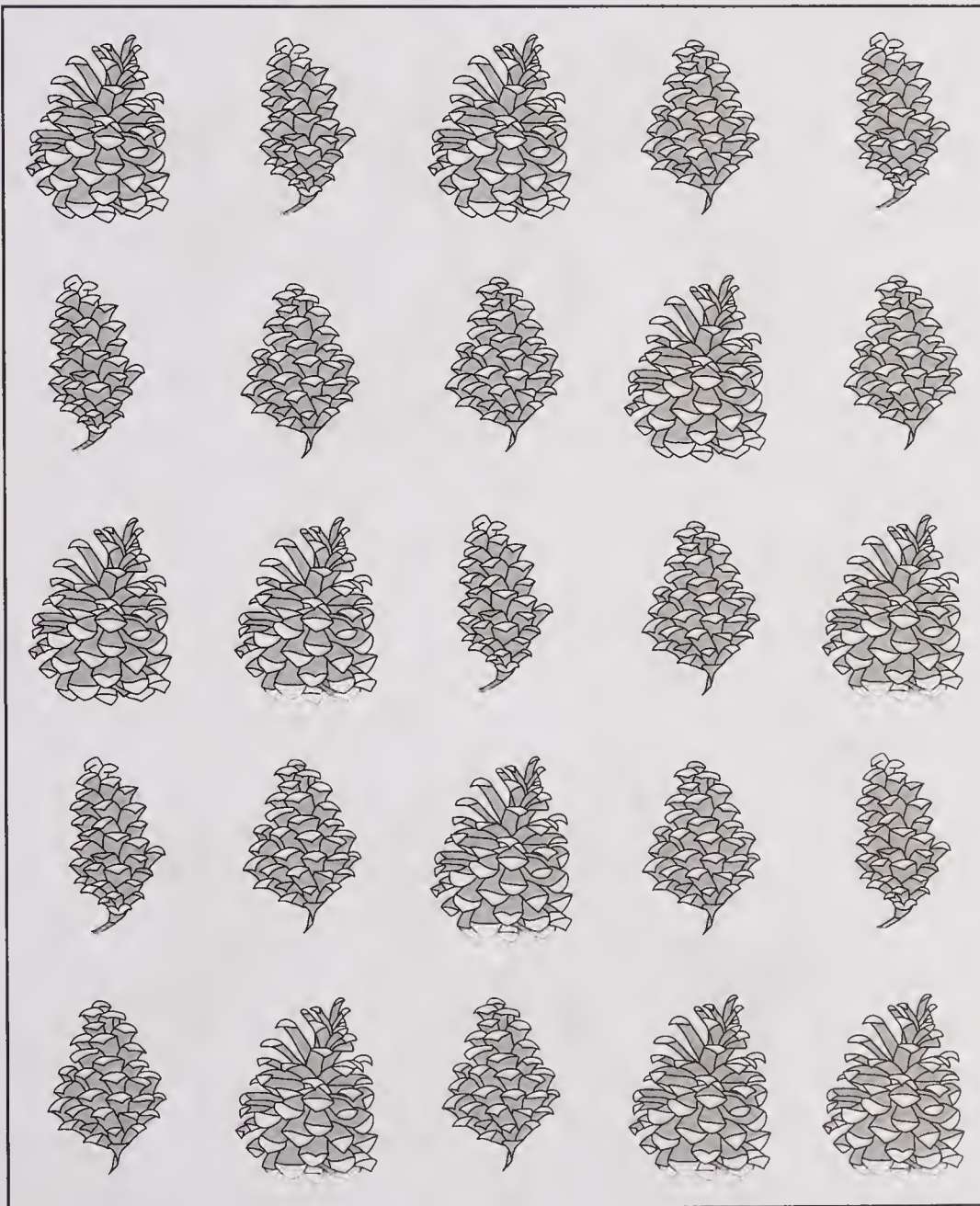
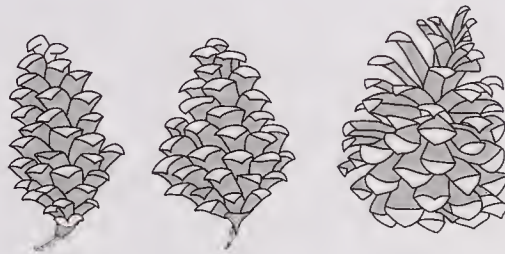
Knot a length of thread to the snowflake so that you can hang it up. Hang your snowflake on the Christmas tree or use it as a window decoration!





CONE SEQUENCE!

Look carefully at the order of the three pine cones below.
Can you find them in exactly the same order in the box? Search from
left to right, top to bottom and from the bottom upwards!



DOUBLE TROUBLE!



Here are two identical pictures of a snowman...or are they?
There are six differences between the two. Can you spot them all?

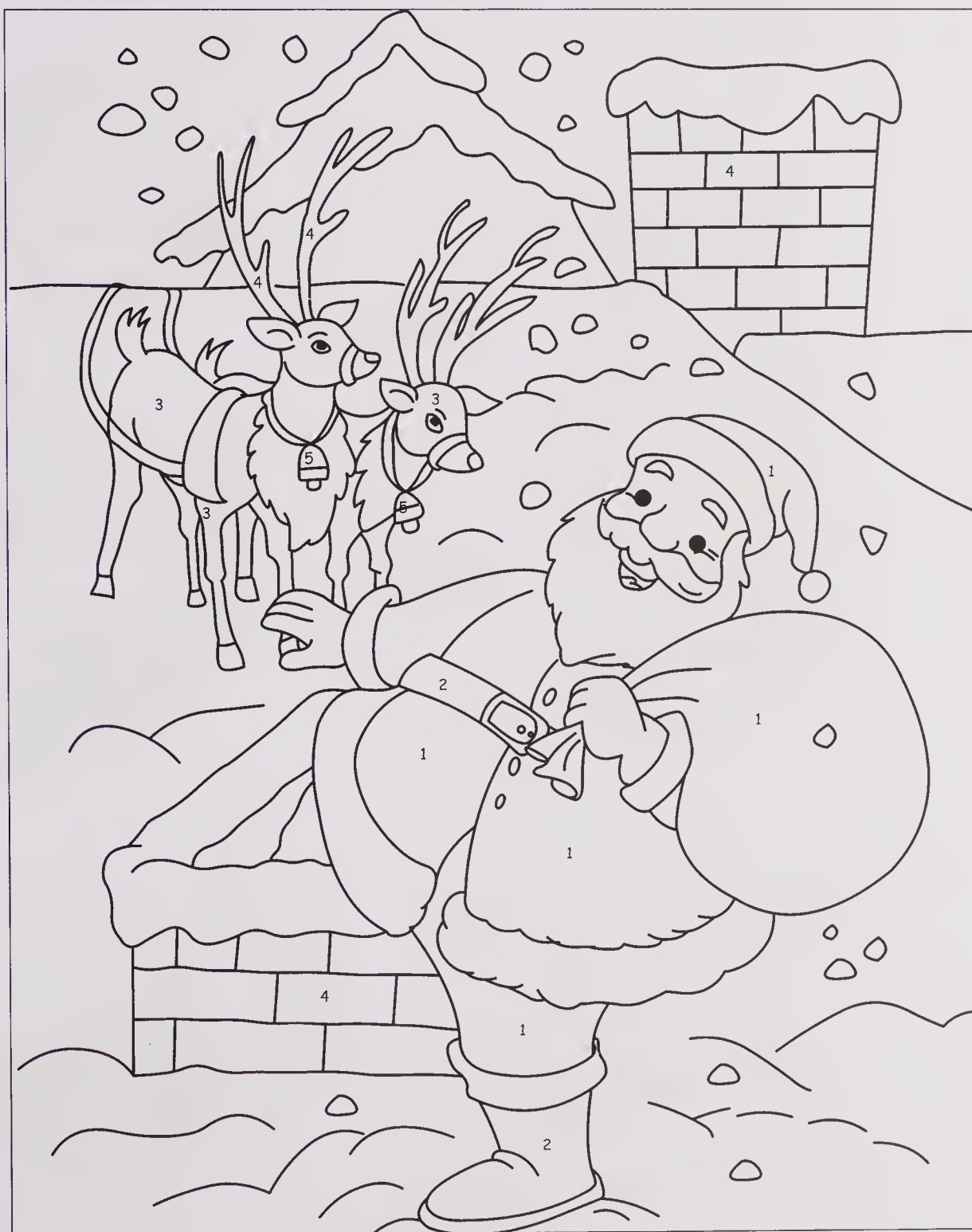




SANTA'S COMING!

Santa is very excited to be delivering the Christmas presents! To see how happy Santa is, use paint, pencils or crayons to colour in the picture using the number key as a guide.

- 1 – Red
- 2 – Black
- 3 – Light Brown
- 4 – Dark Brown
- 5 – Yellow



SKATE SMART!



Here are six cool ice skates. But one is not the same as the others. Try and spot the odd one out!

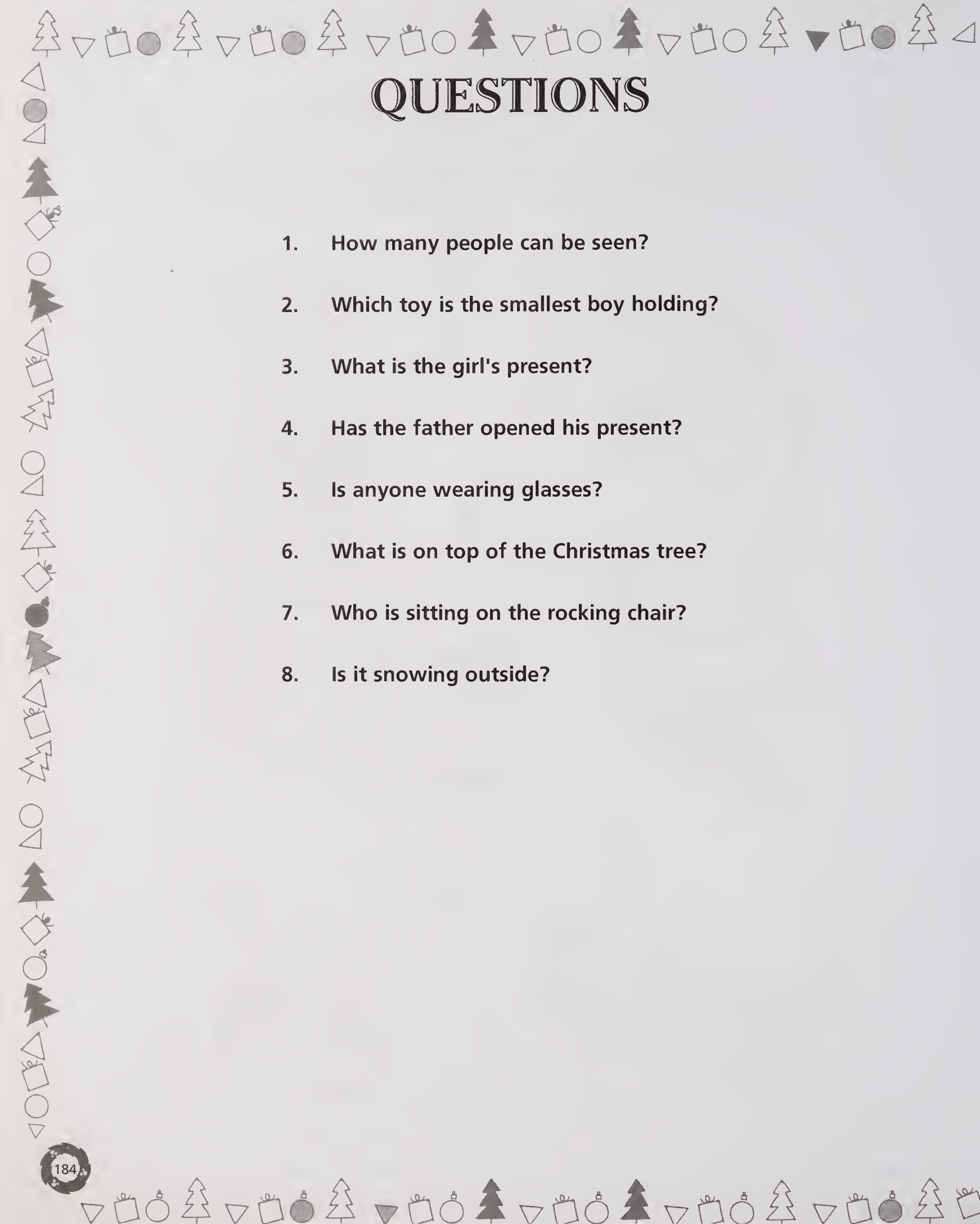




MERRY MORNING!

Look carefully at the picture then try answering questions on the next page. The sharper your memory is, the more answers you will have. Don't be tempted to turn the page for a quick peek!





QUESTIONS

1. How many people can be seen?
2. Which toy is the smallest boy holding?
3. What is the girl's present?
4. Has the father opened his present?
5. Is anyone wearing glasses?
6. What is on top of the Christmas tree?
7. Who is sitting on the rocking chair?
8. Is it snowing outside?

ANSWERS

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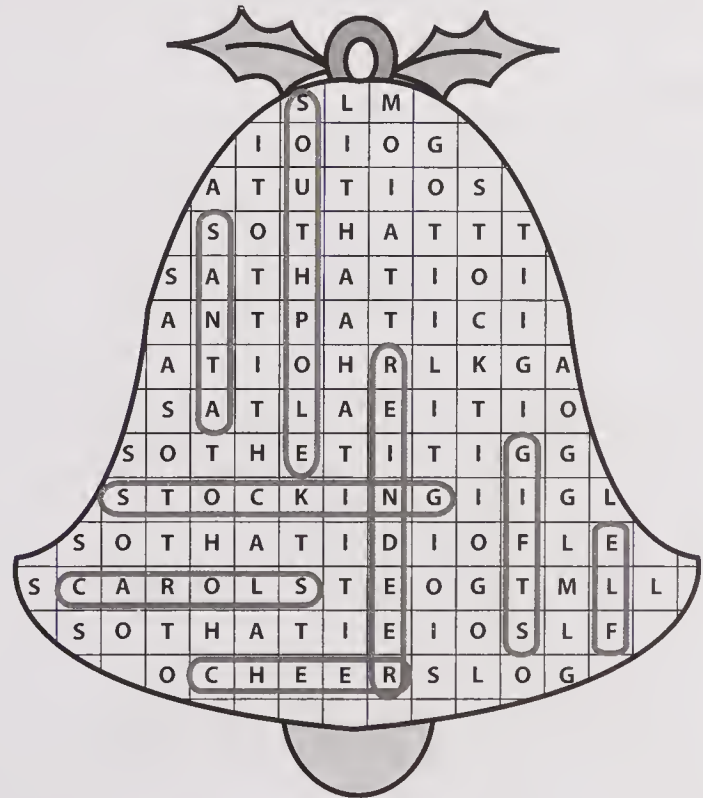
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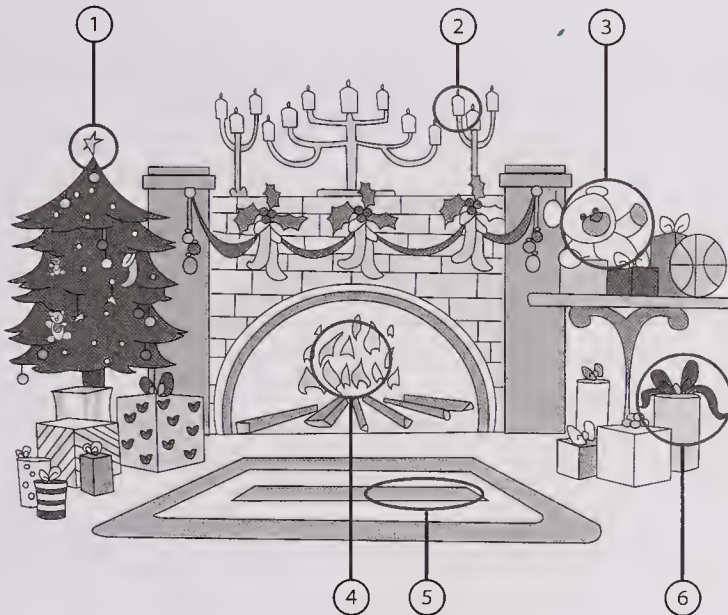
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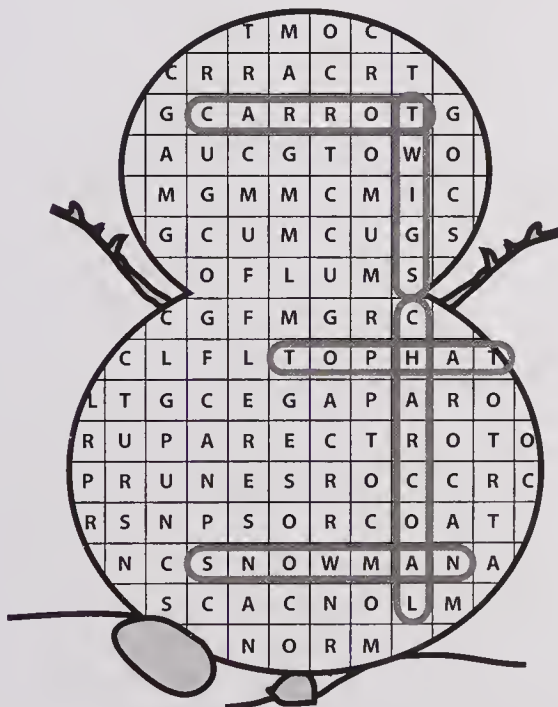
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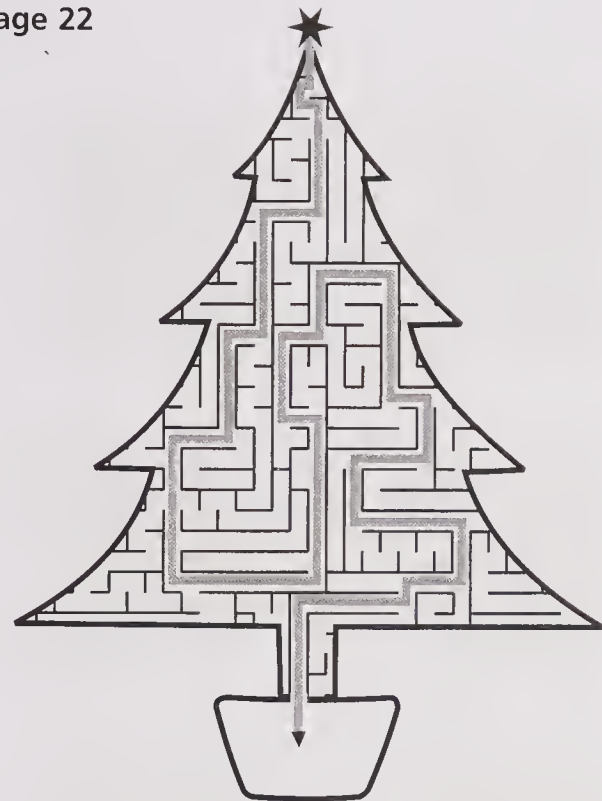
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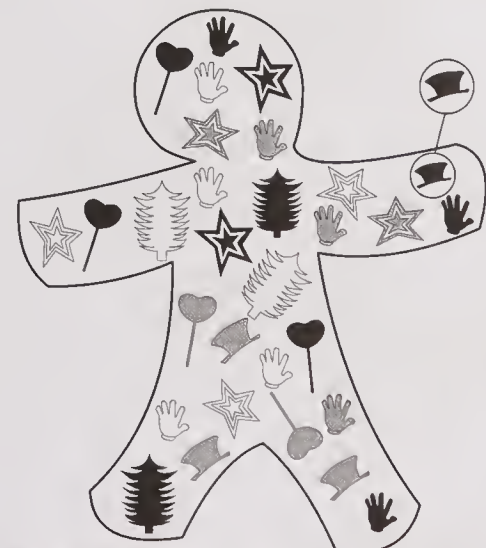
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| 1. A reindeer | 5. At Santa's feet |
| 2. Wrapping presents | 6. Yes |
| 3. A lantern | 7. A Christmas list |
| 4. Yes | 8. No |

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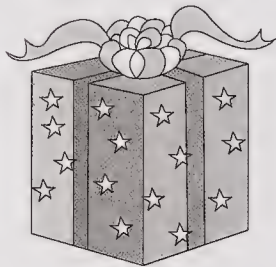
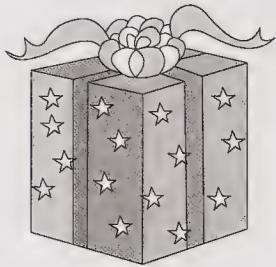
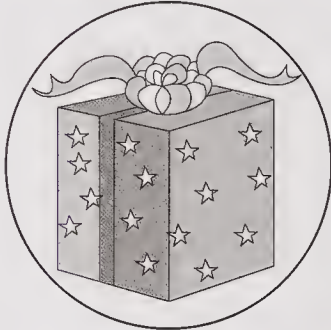
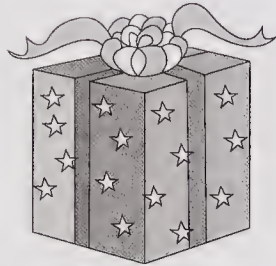
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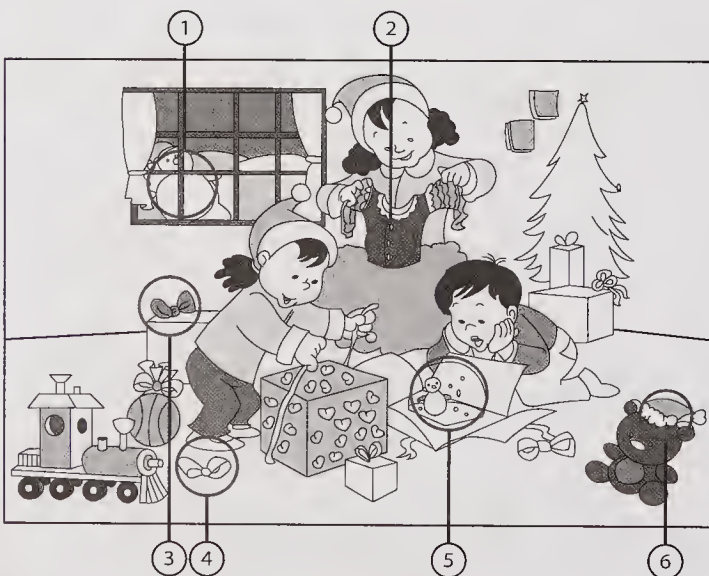


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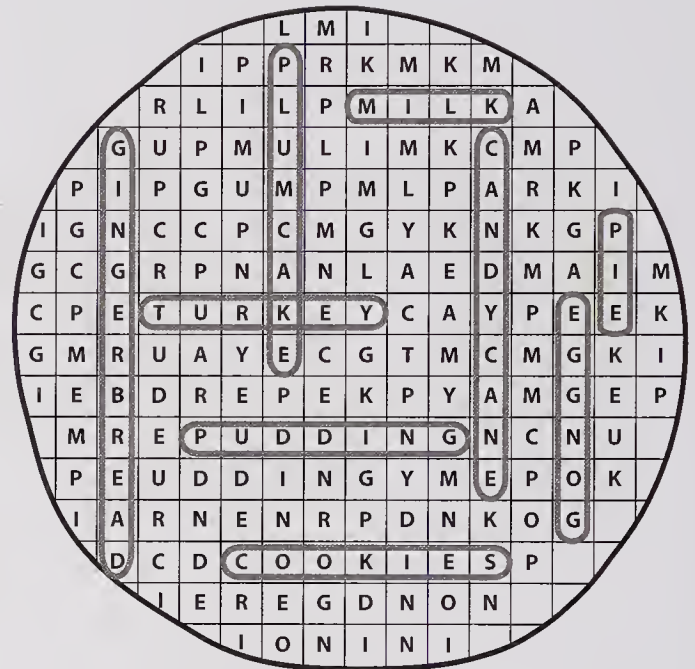
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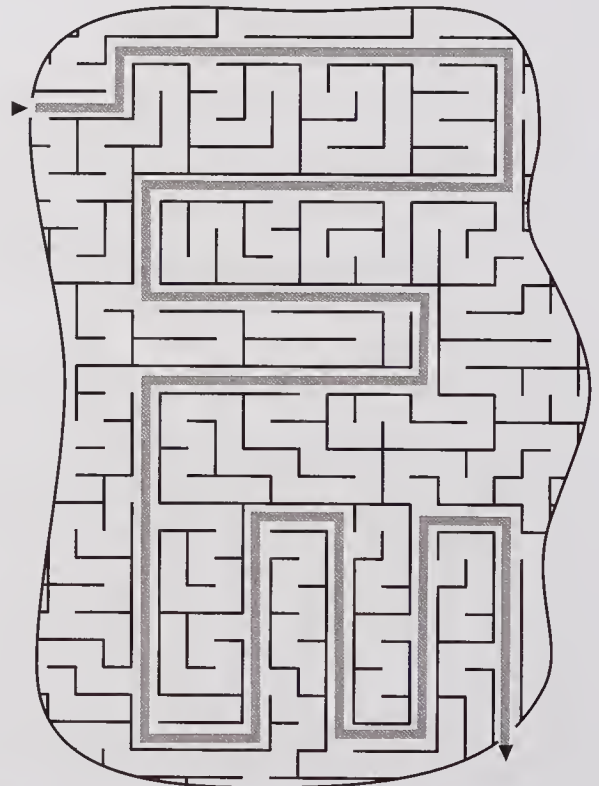
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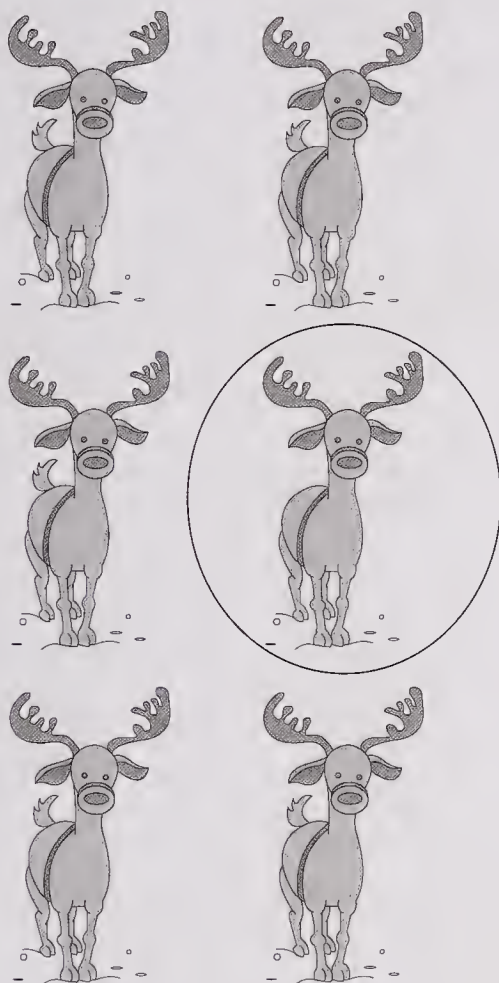


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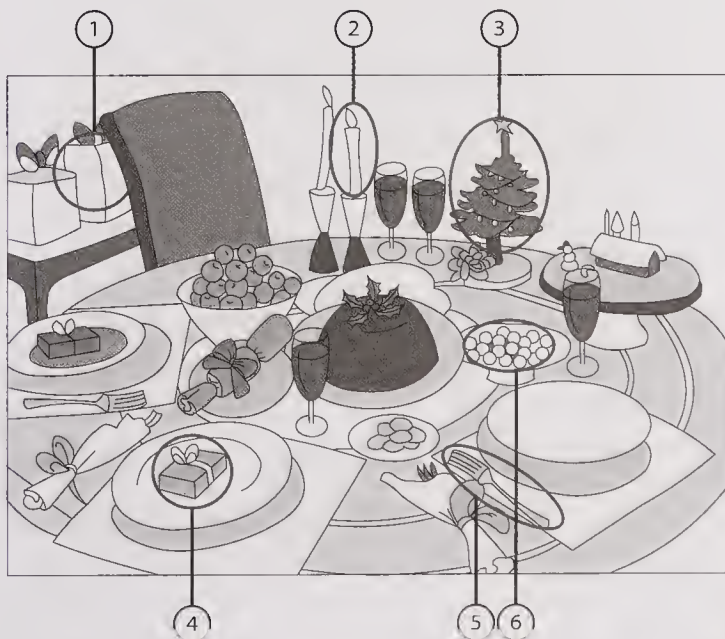
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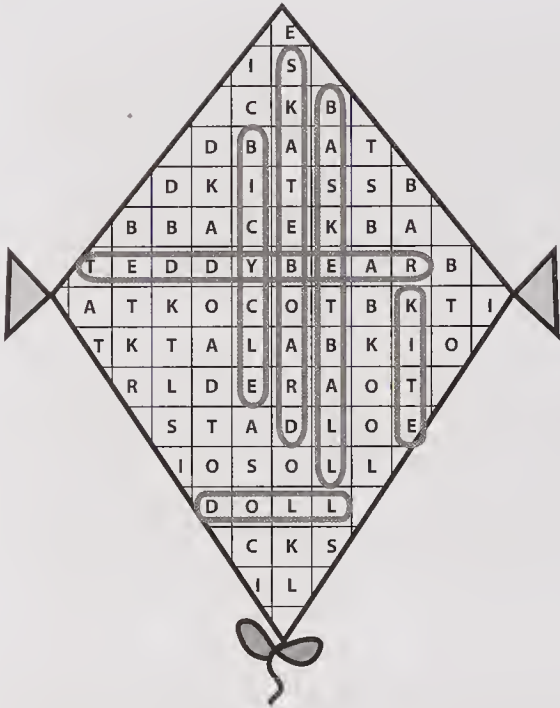


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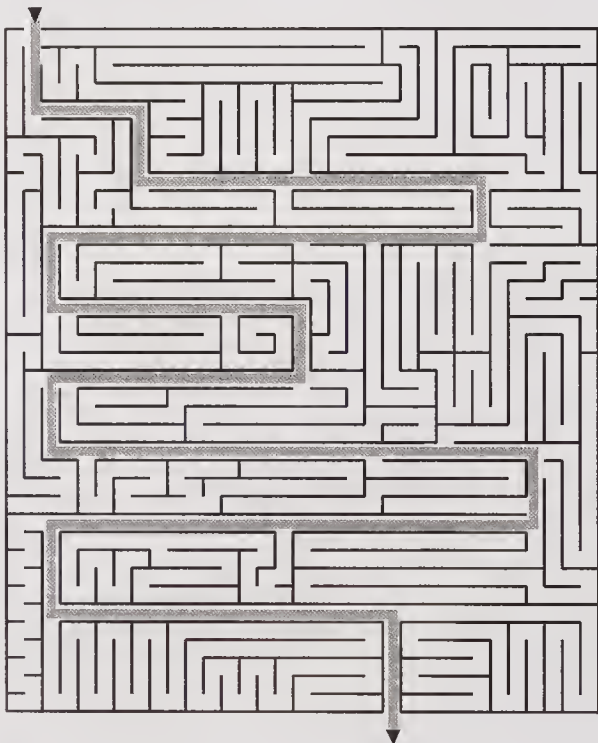


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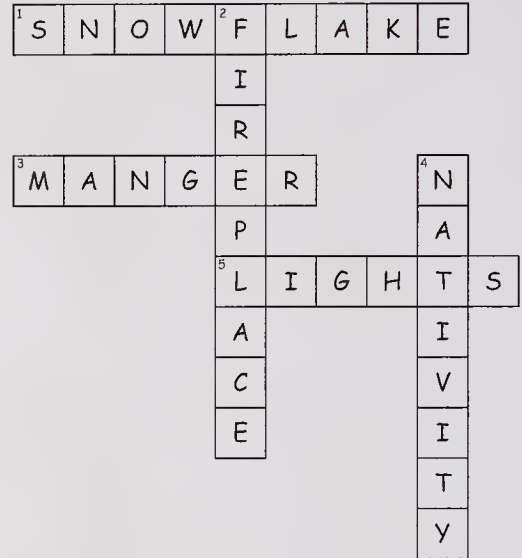
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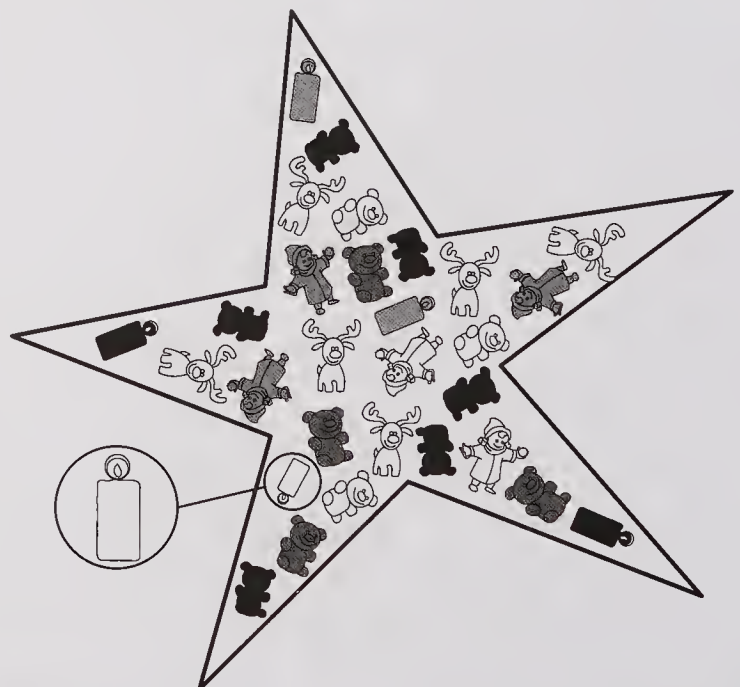
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- 2
- Yes
- Yes
- A dog
- A hat
- A house
- 4
- 1

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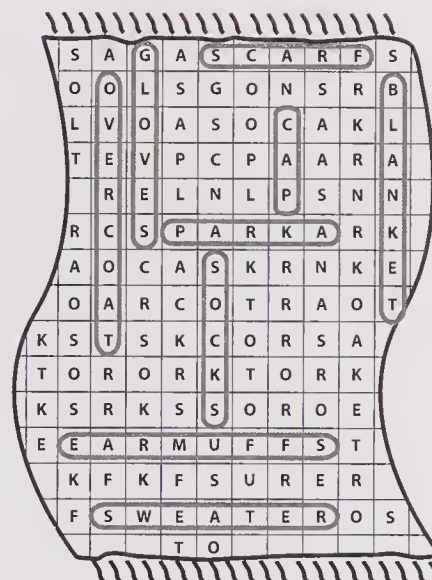


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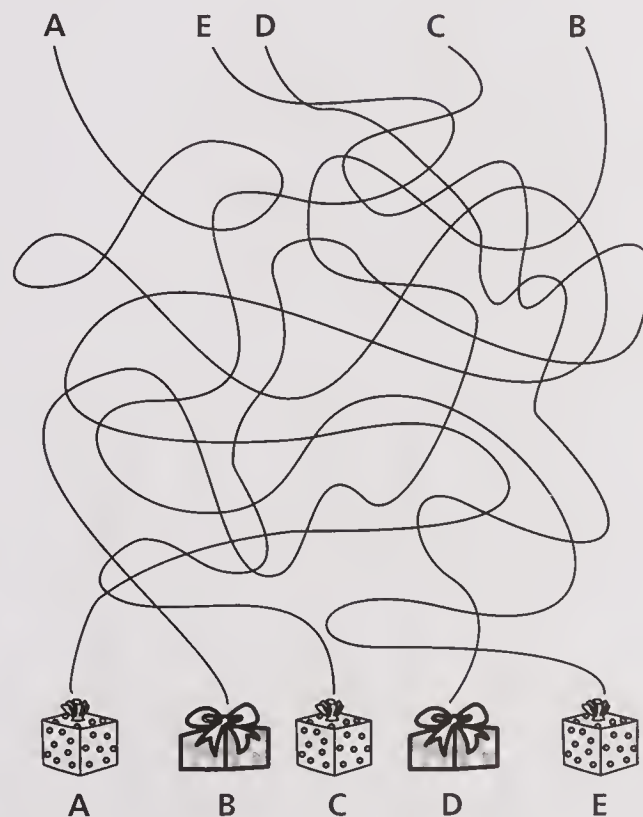
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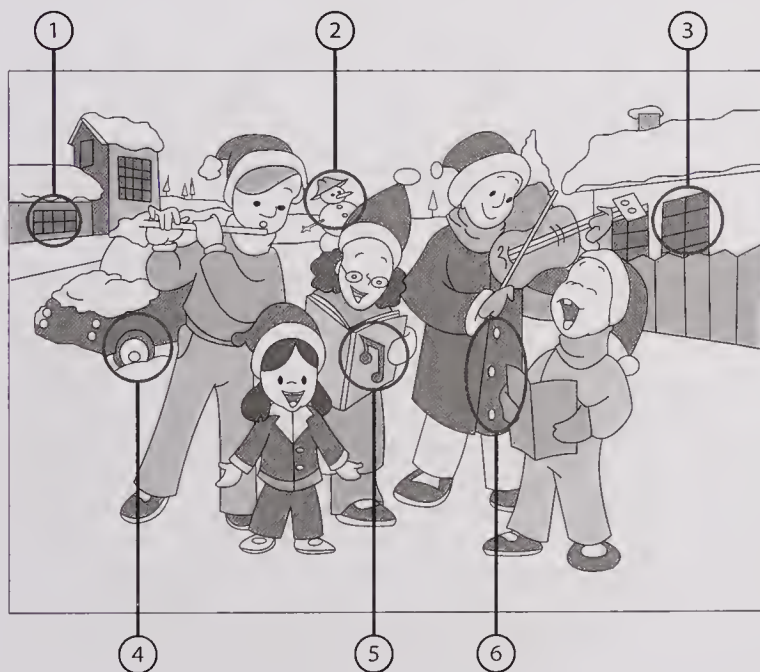
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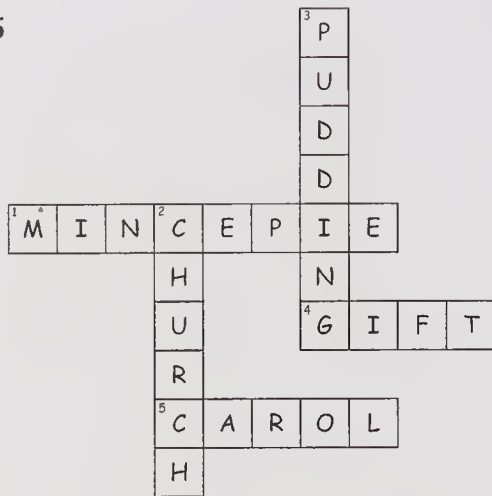


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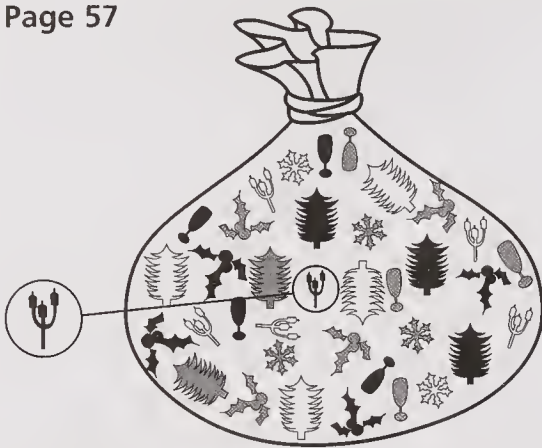
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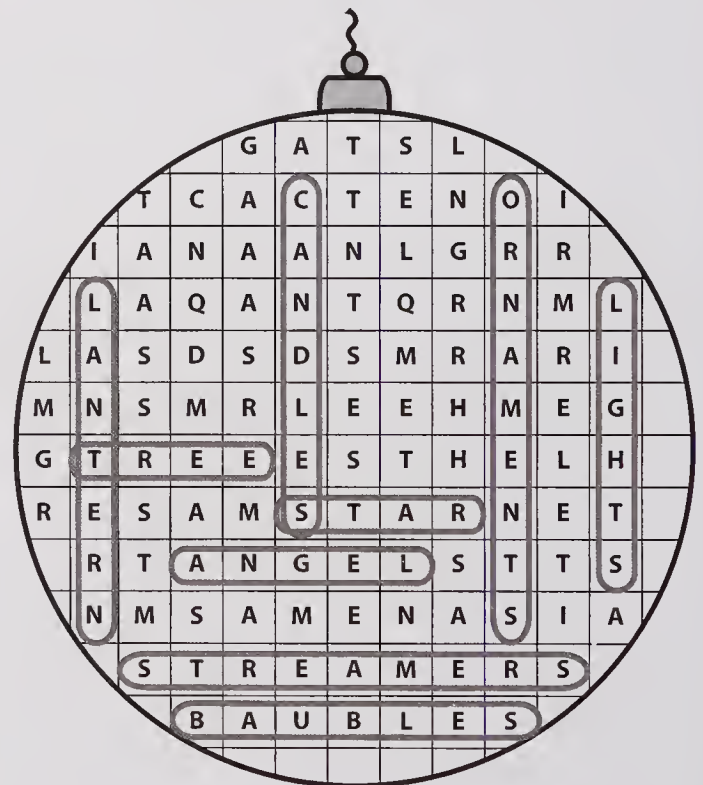
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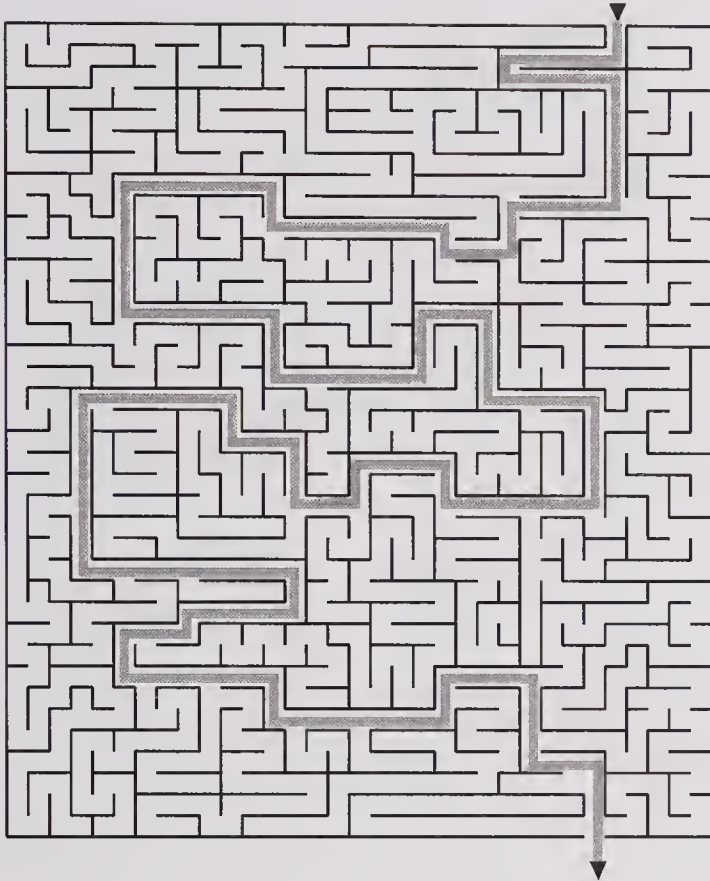


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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. 2 (drum and piano) | 5. Yes |
| 2. A rug | 6. Over the fireplace |
| 3. A star | 7. A teddy bear |
| 4. 4 | |

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9 Bags

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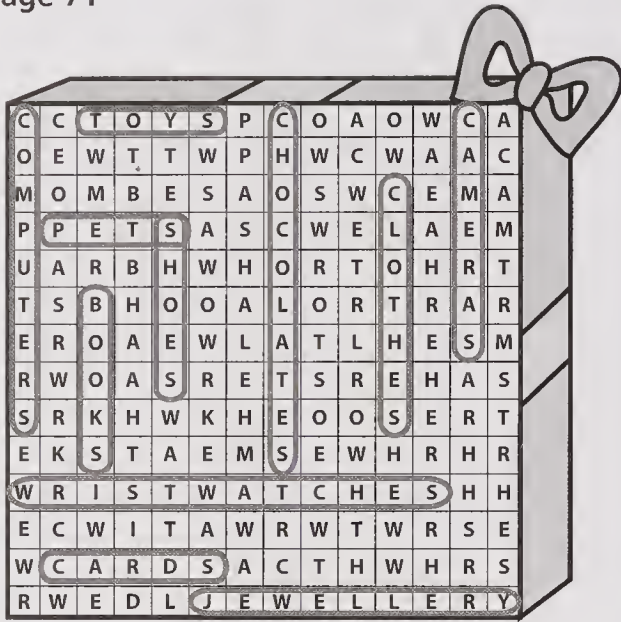
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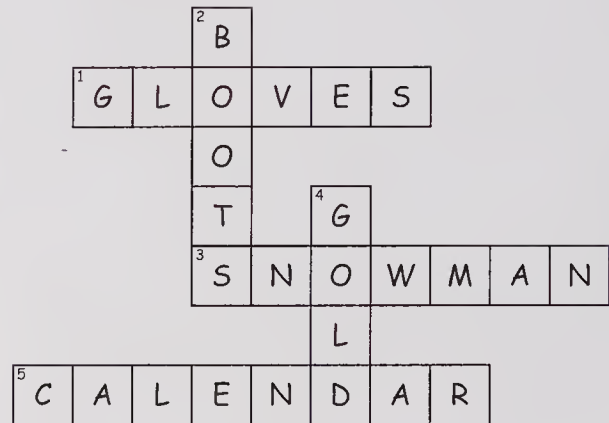


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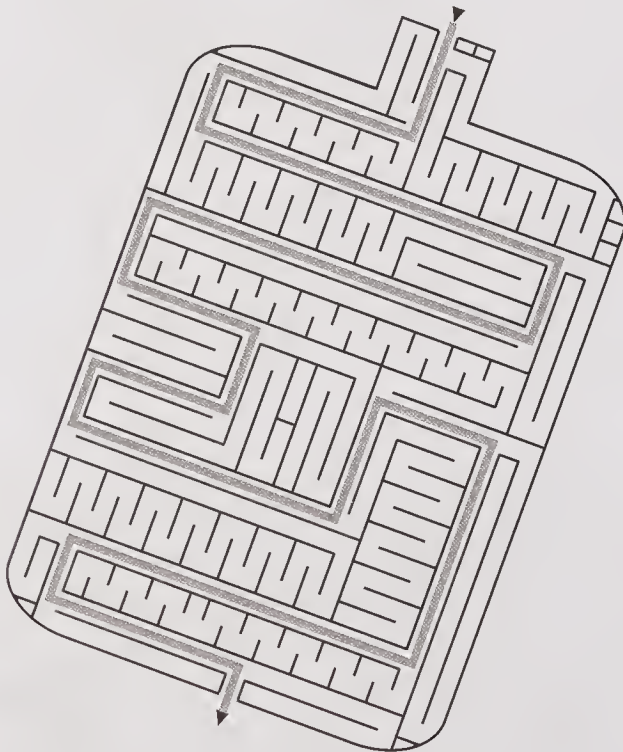
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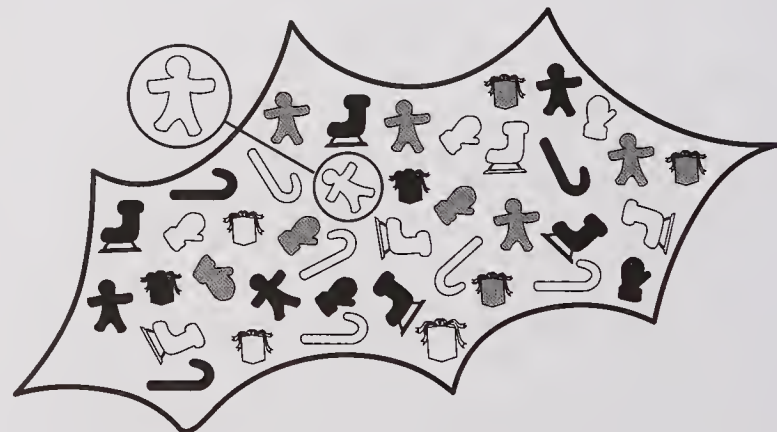
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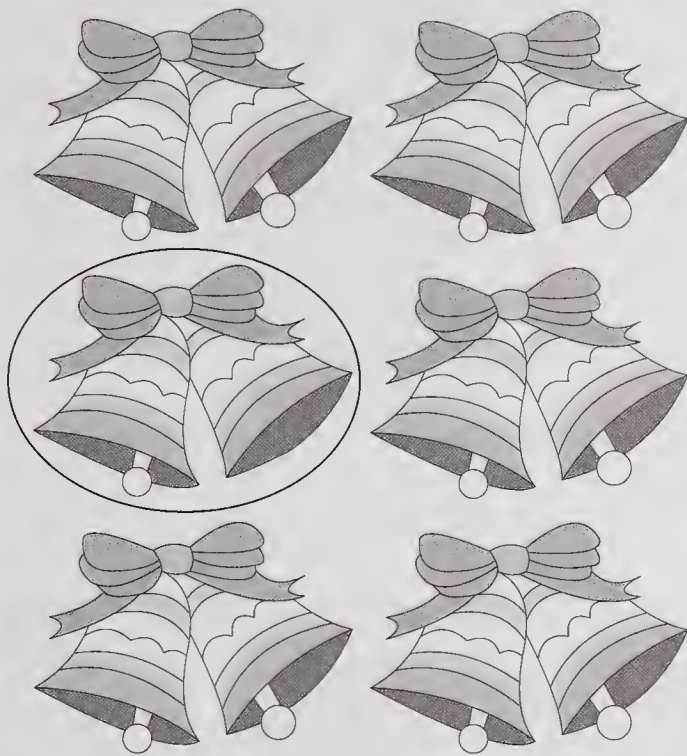
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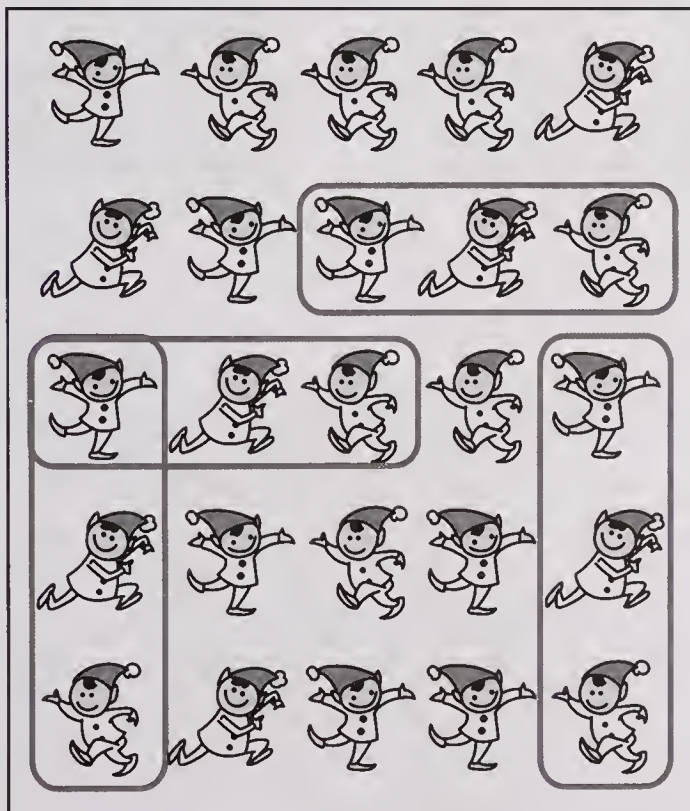


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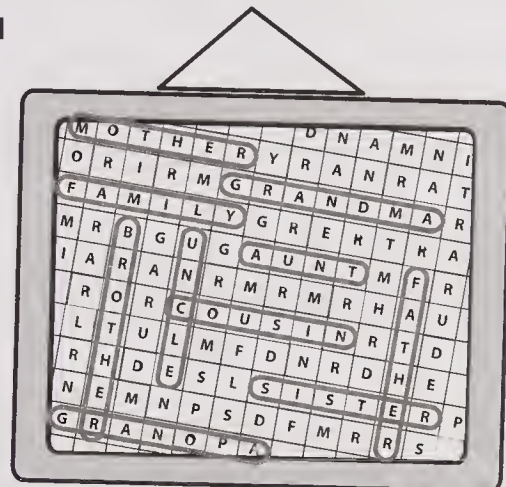
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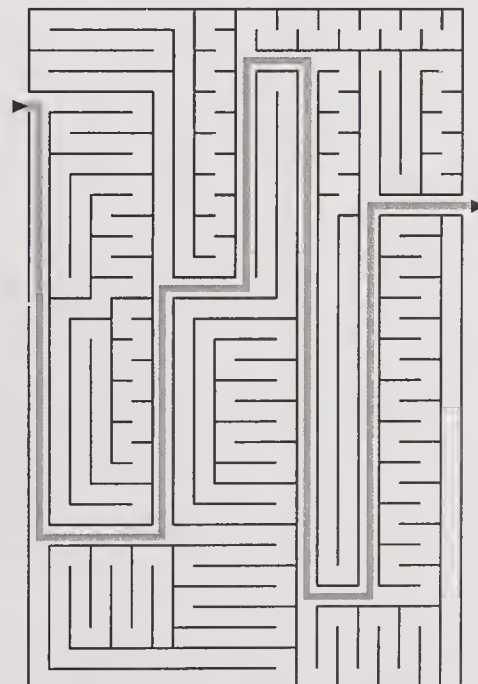
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1. Yes
2. 4
3. A dog
4. 3
5. 2
6. Holly
7. 1
8. Yes

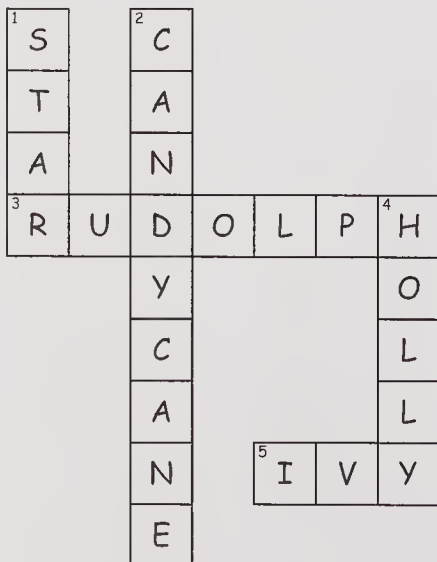
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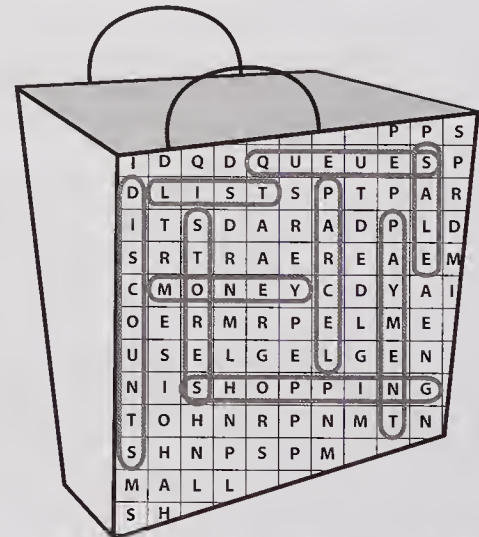
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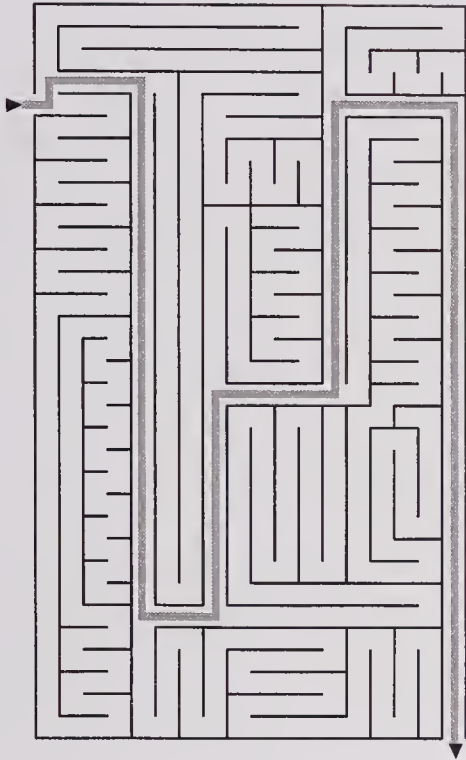


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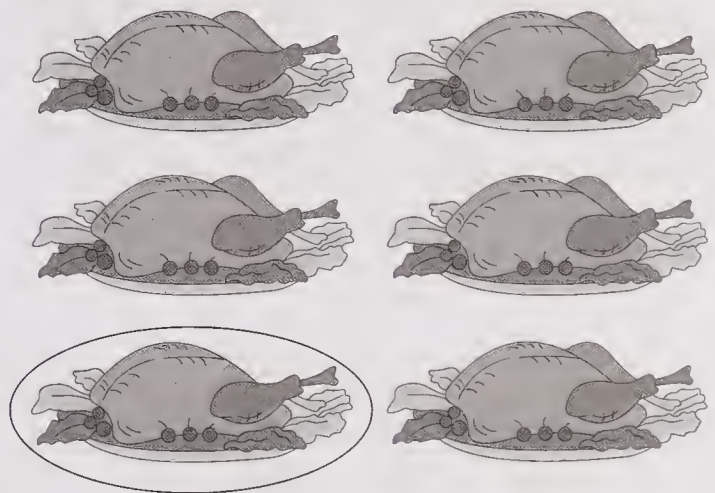
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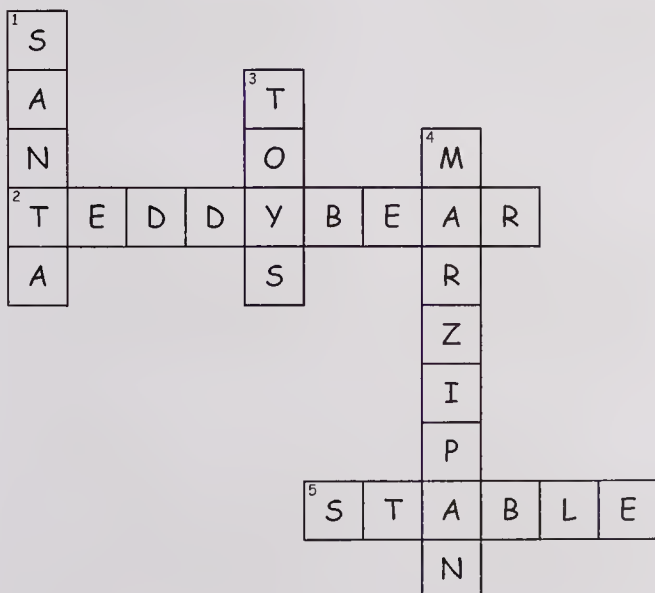
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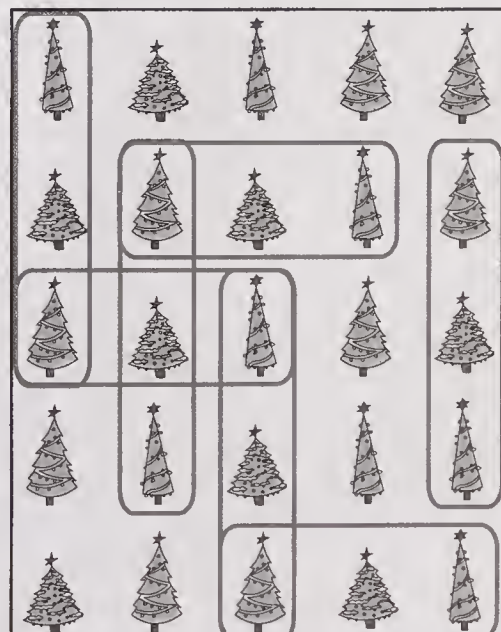
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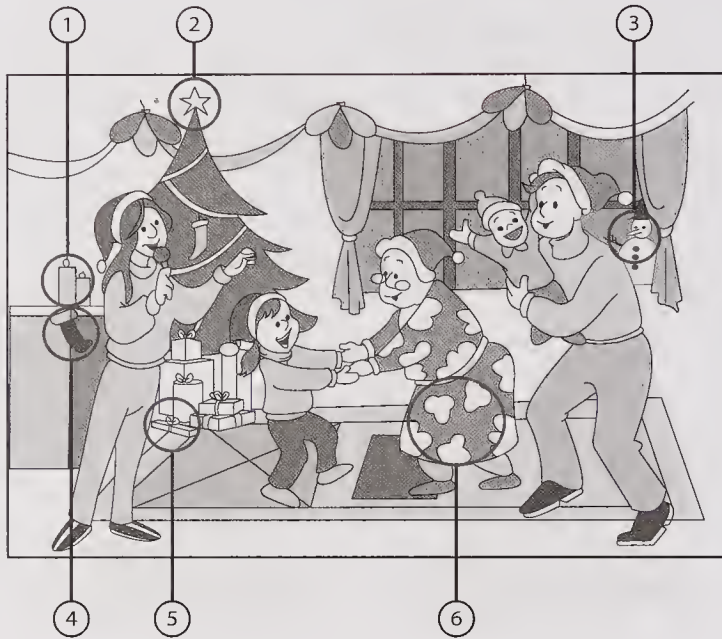


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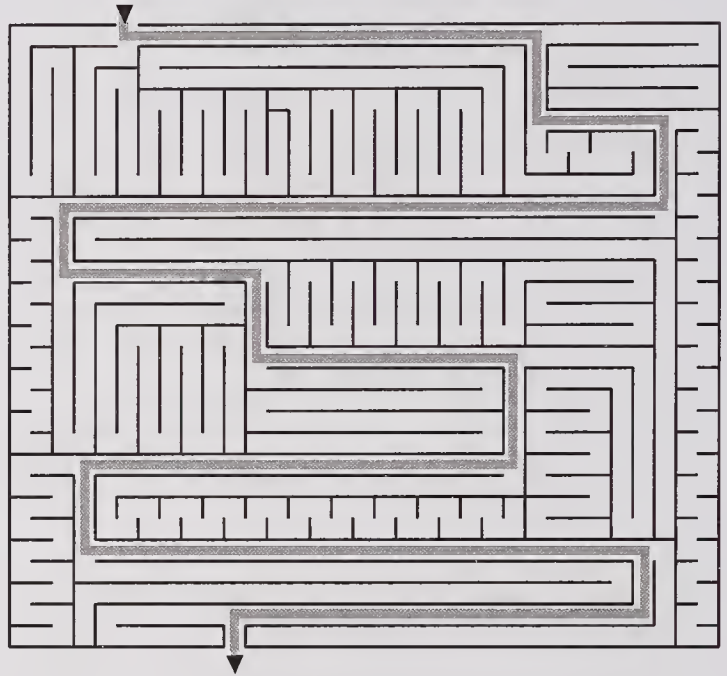


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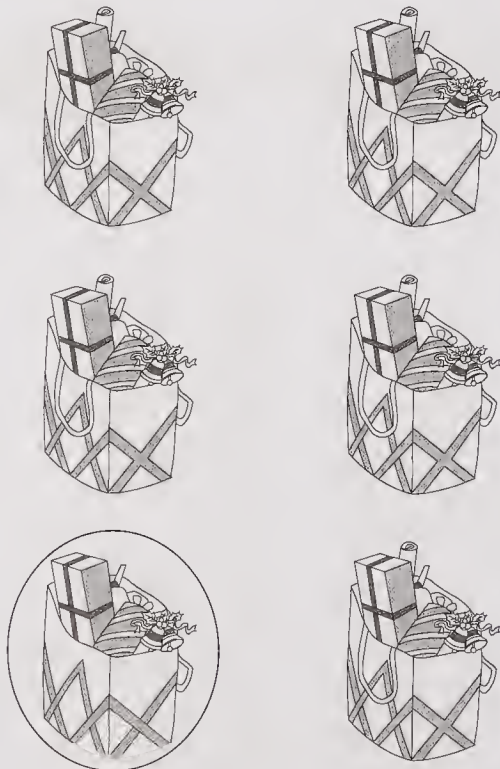
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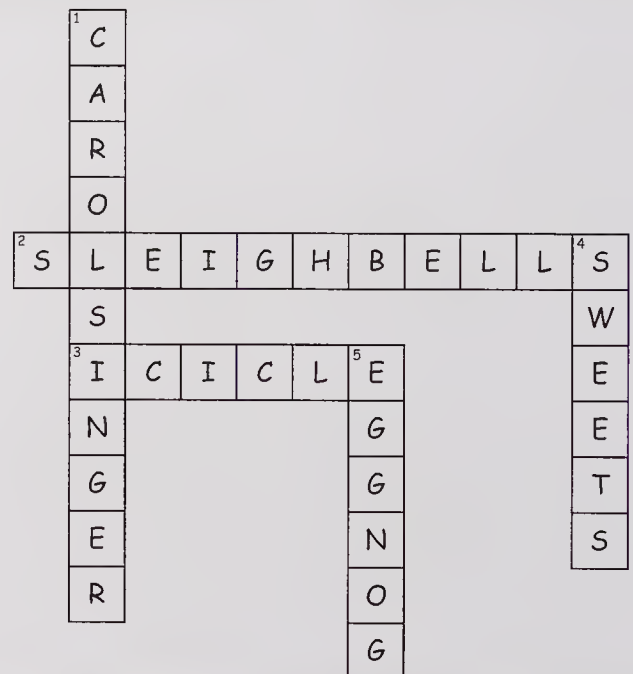
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1. Sleeping
2. Yes
3. Milk and cookies
4. 15
5. No
6. 2
7. On the window
8. 1

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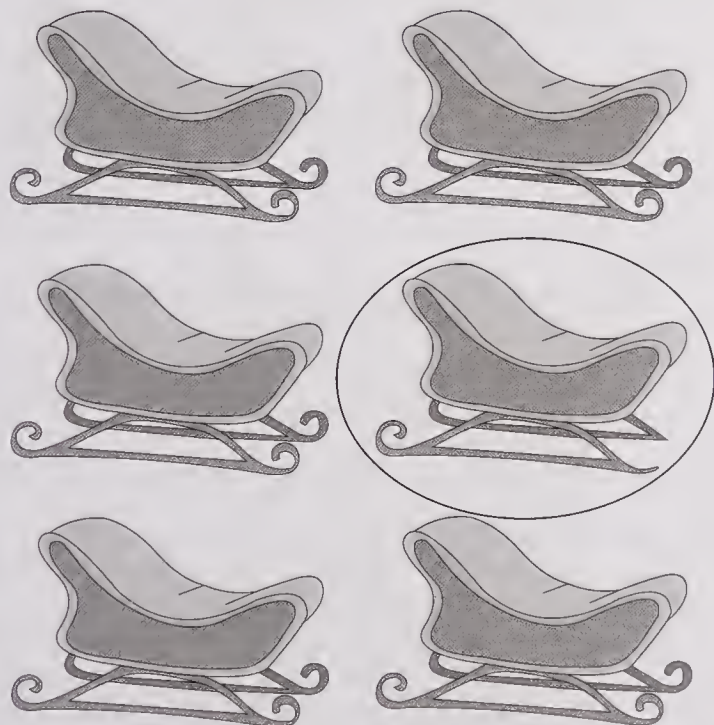
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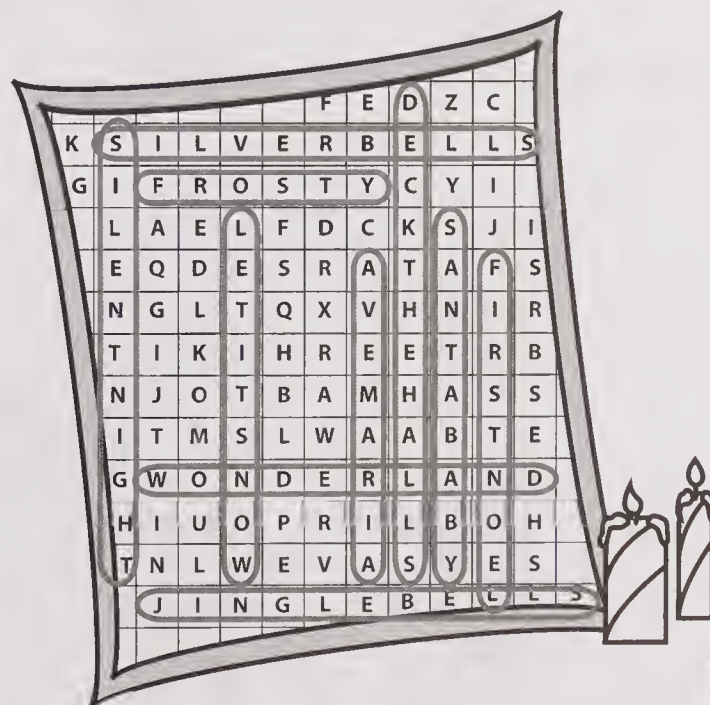
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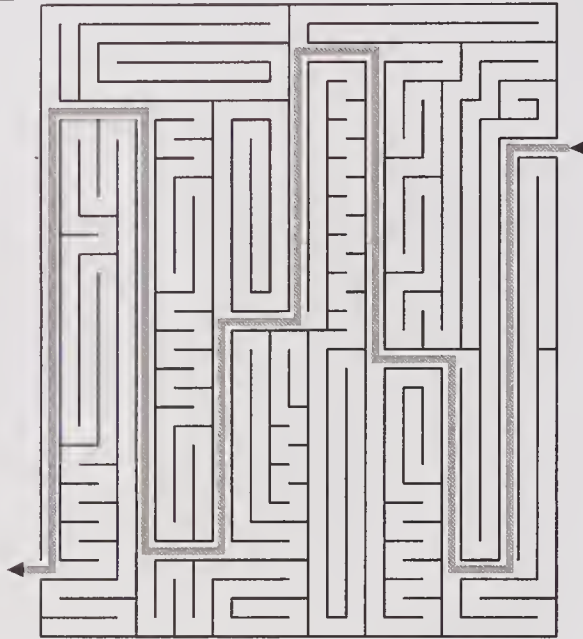


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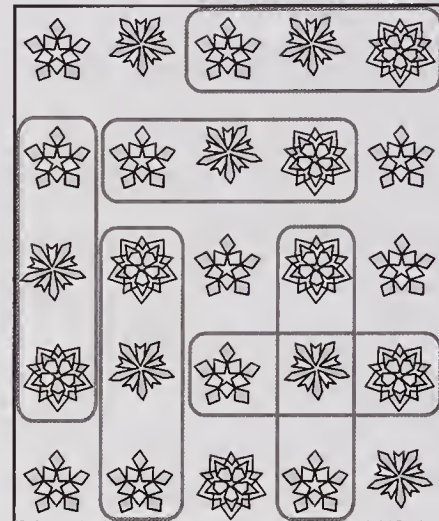
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1. 2
2. Singing carols
3. A horse
4. A hat
5. 12 o'clock
6. Yes
7. The child in the centre
8. A book

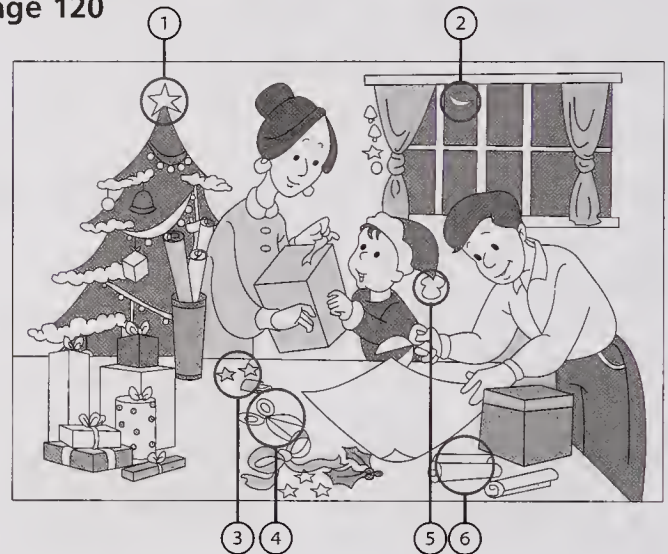
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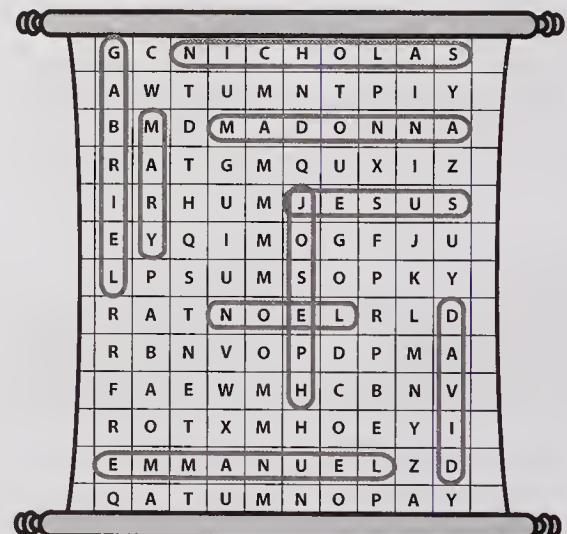
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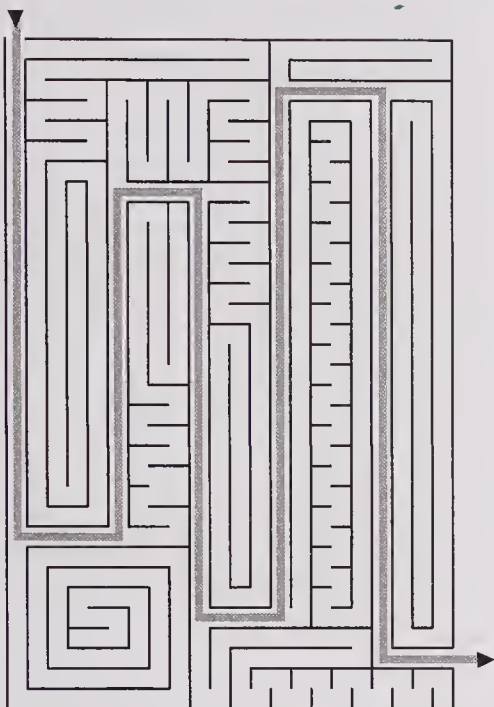


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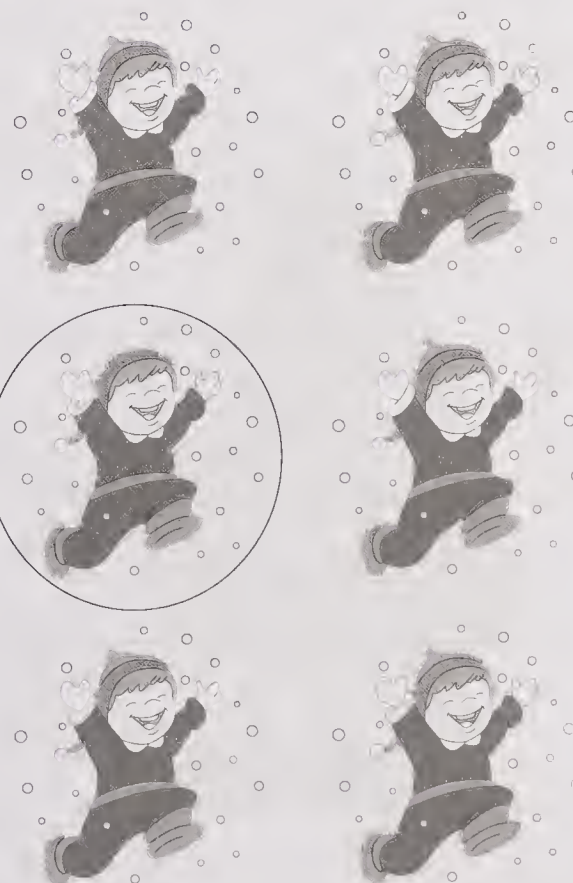
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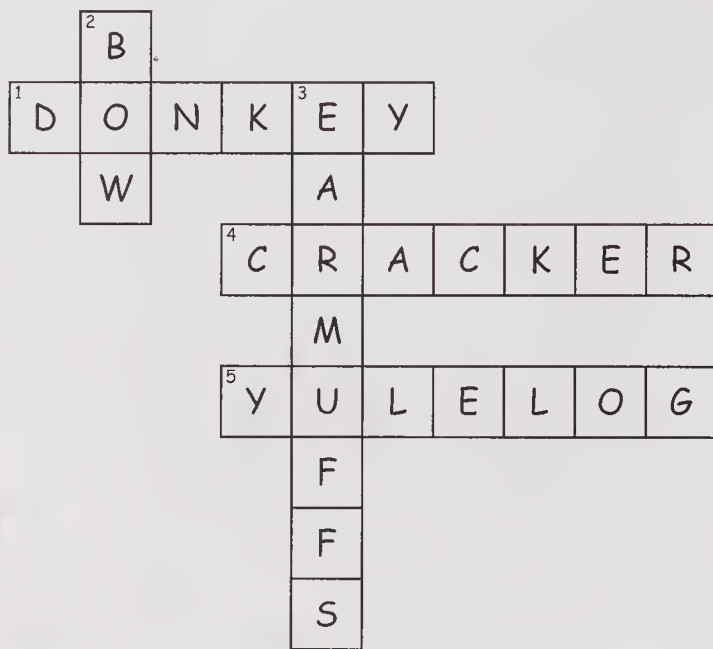
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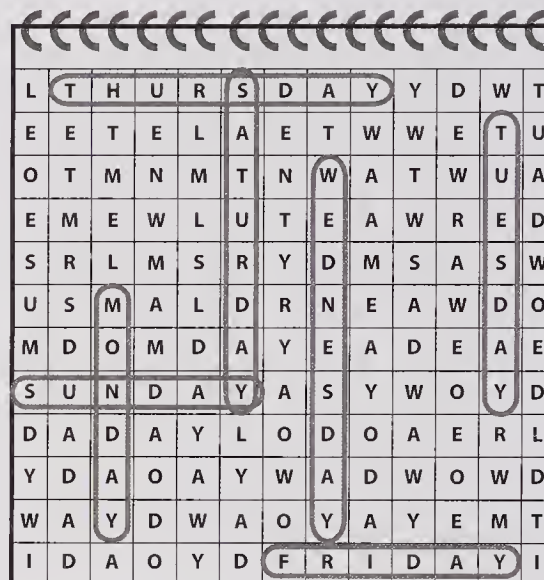
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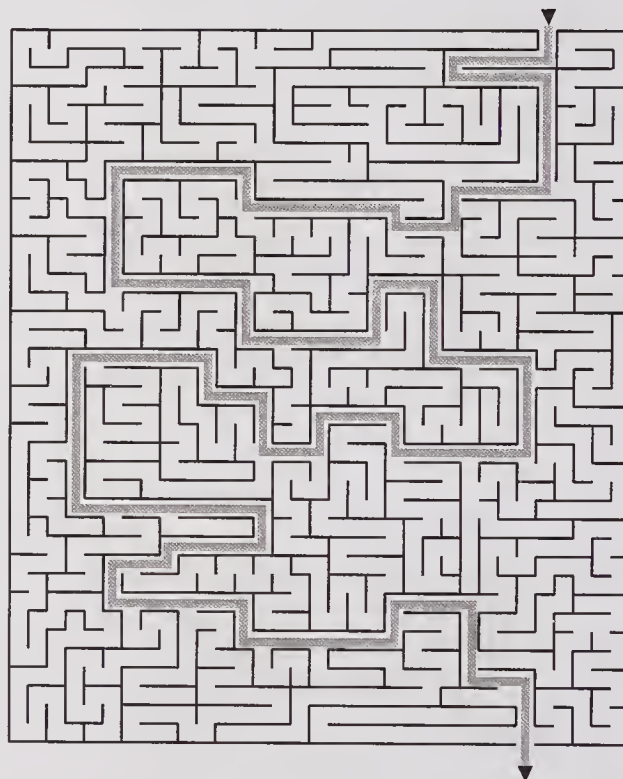
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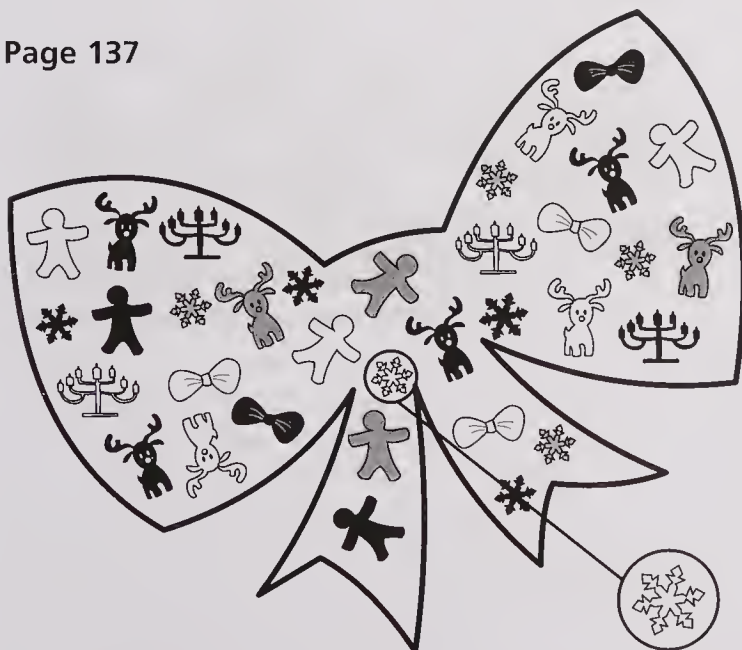
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| 1. 3 | 5. No |
| 2. A ball | 6. No |
| 3. A fire hydrant | 7. 5 |
| 4. 2 | 8. A dog |

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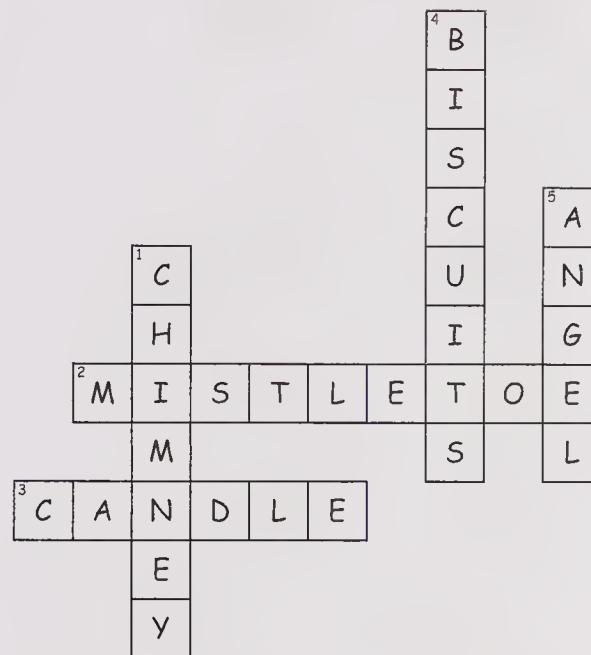
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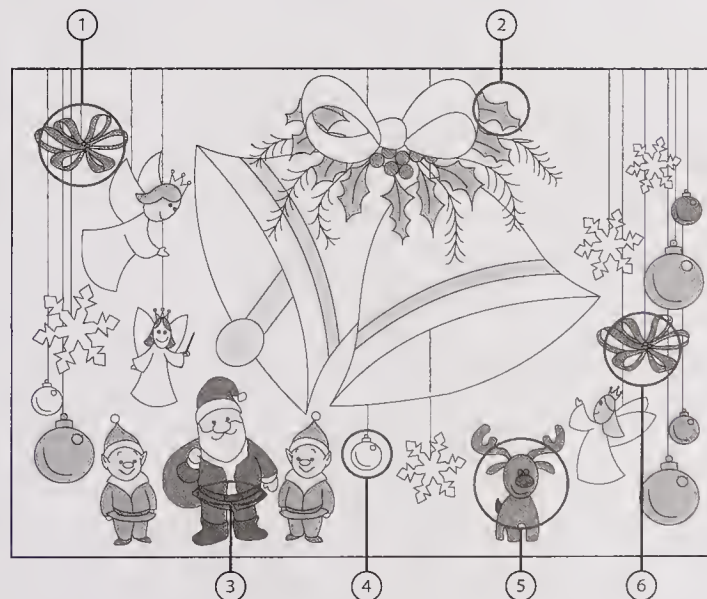
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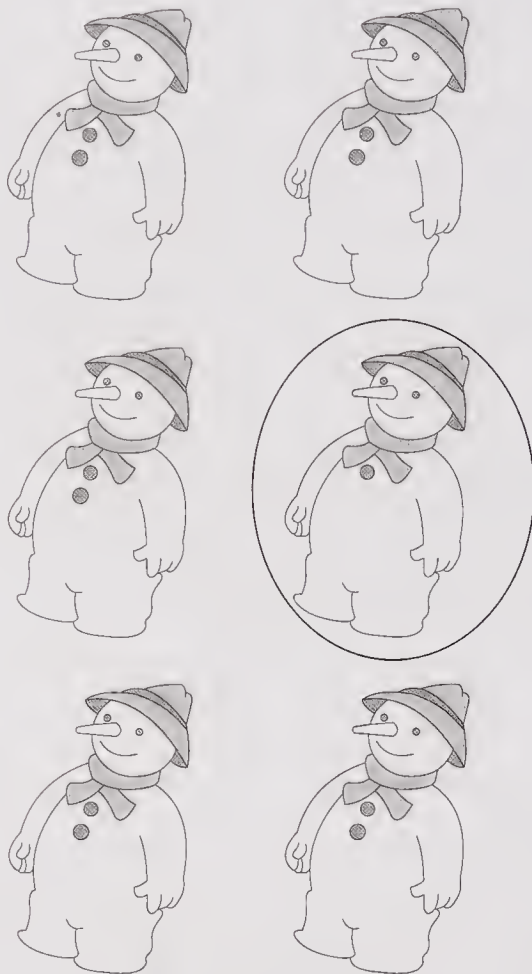


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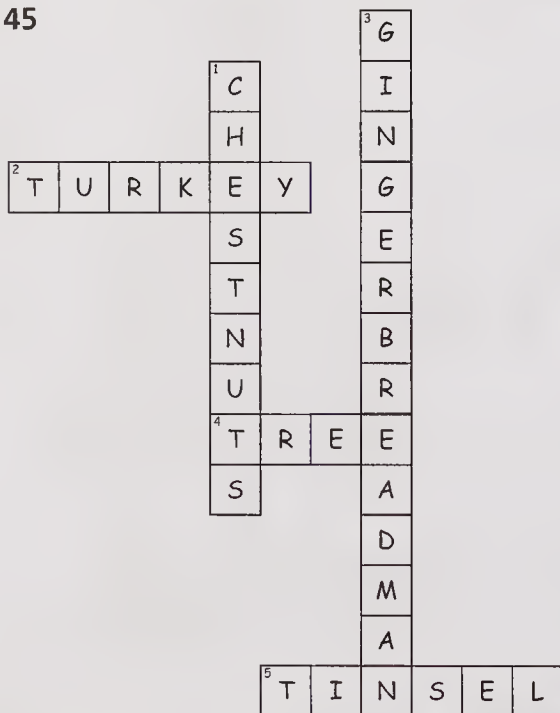
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2. 5
3. 3
4. 4
5. No
6. None
7. Yes
8. 3

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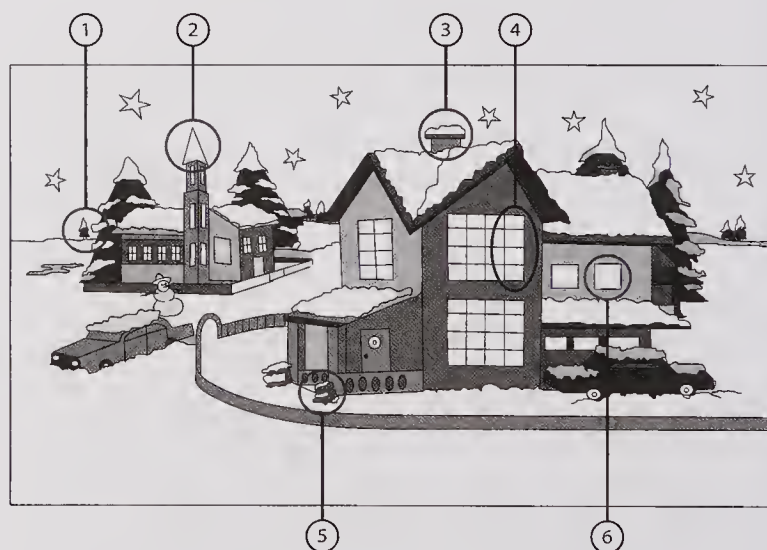
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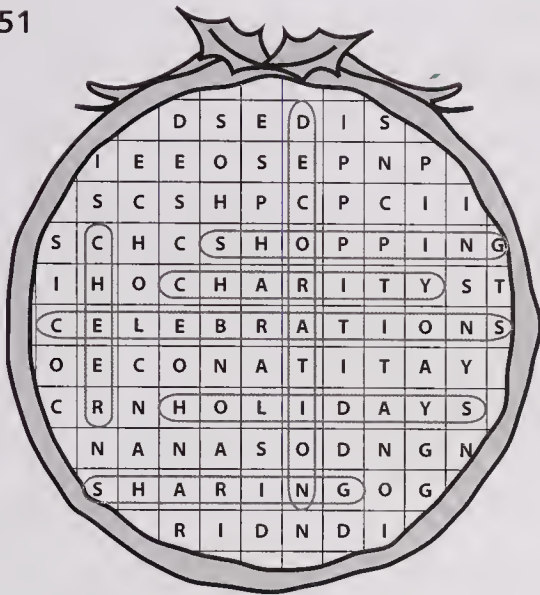


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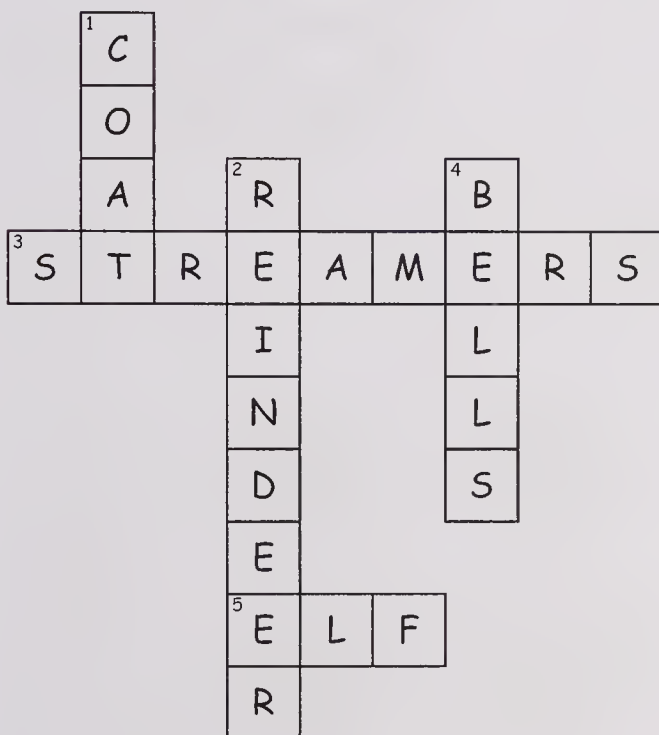
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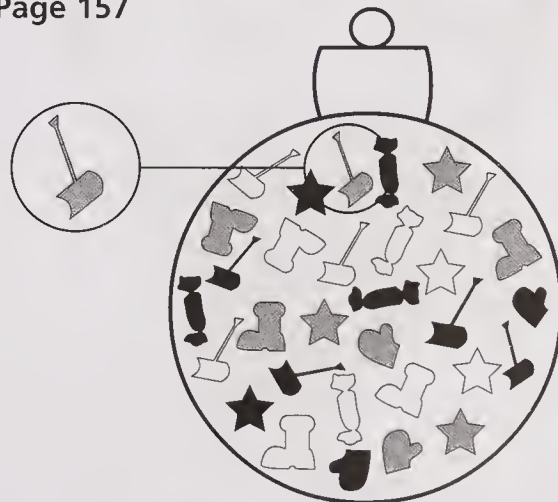
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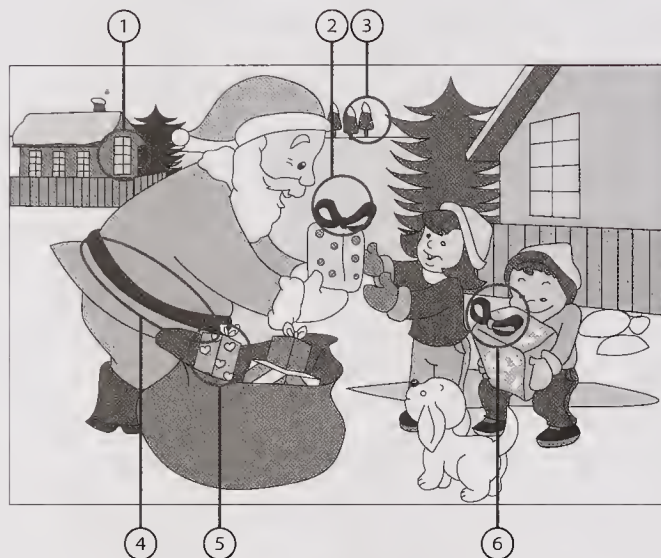


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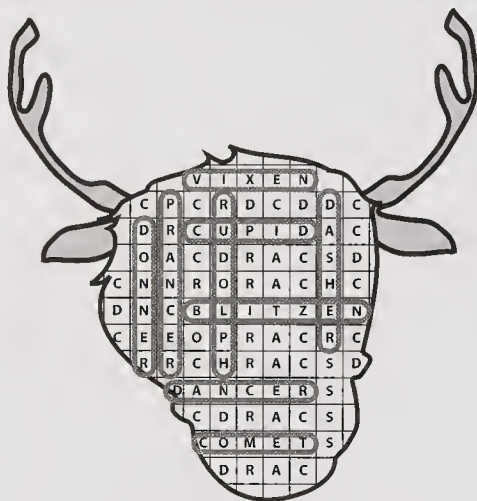
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2. A stocking
3. Yes
4. A stocking
5. A stool
6. No
7. The mother
8. 3

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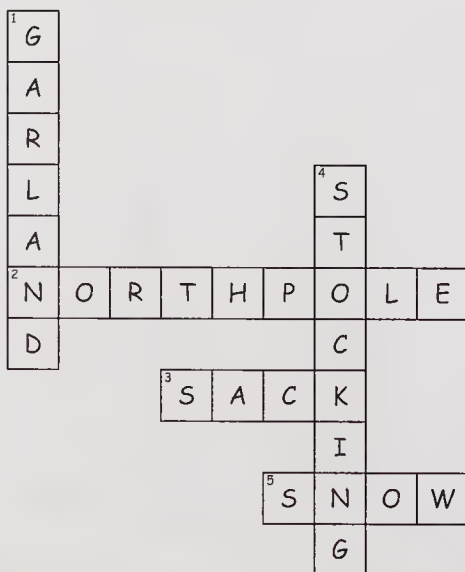
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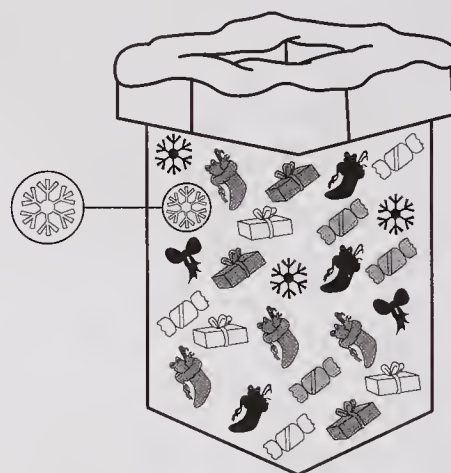
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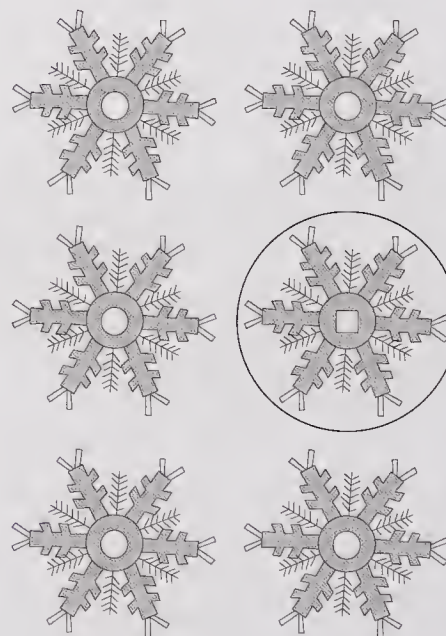
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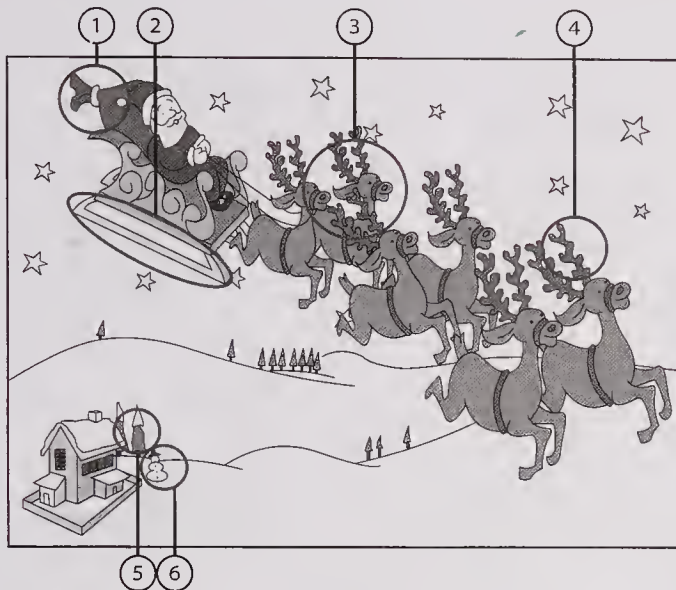


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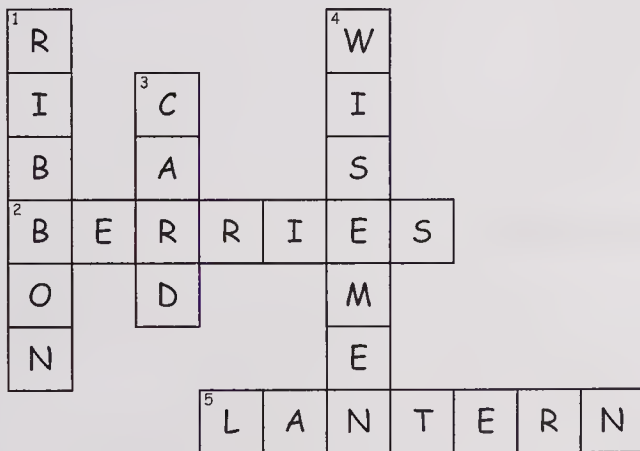


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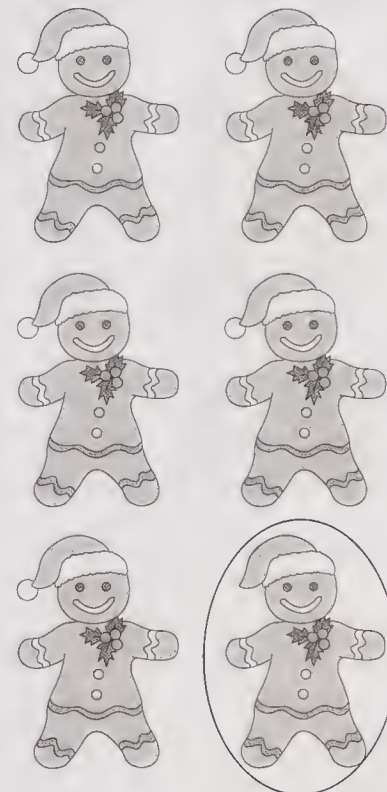
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| 1. Hugging a child | 5. On a rocking horse |
| 2. 5 | 6. 2 |
| 3. 4 | 7. No |
| 4. A teddy bear | 8. No |

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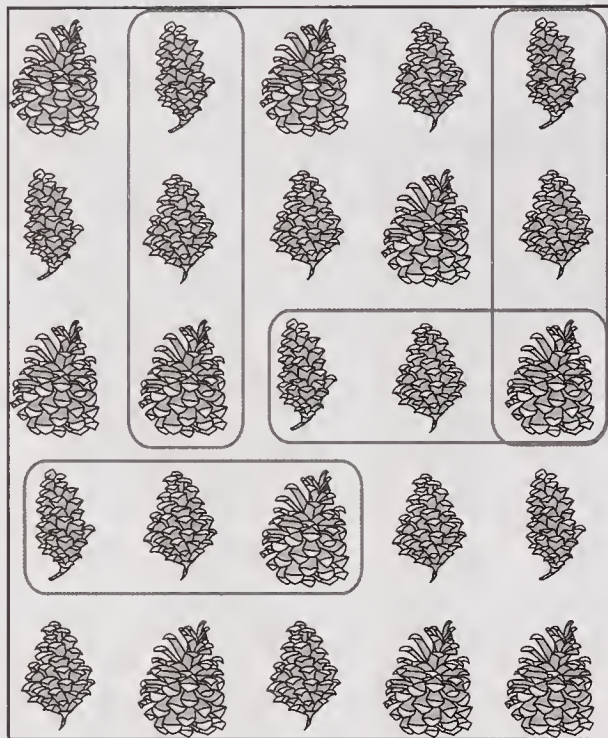


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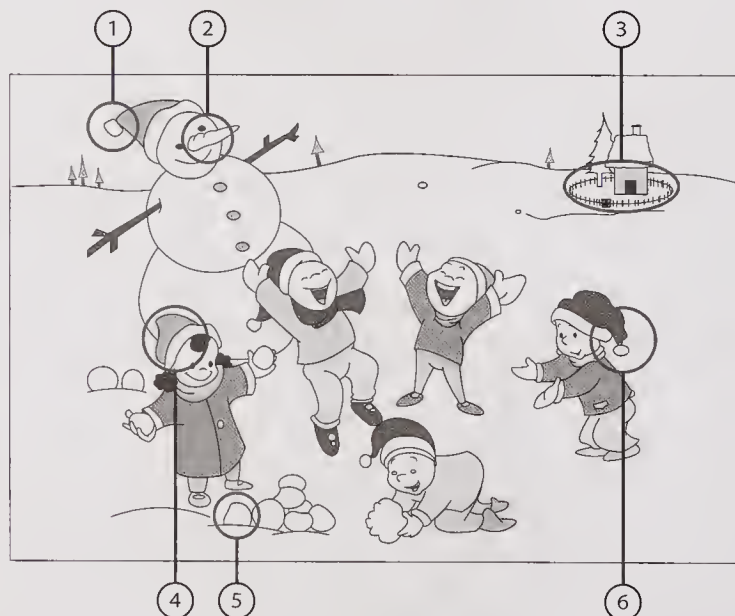


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1. 6
2. A teddy bear
3. A doll
4. No
5. Yes - the grandmother and father
6. An angel
7. The grandmother
8. Yes

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